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ALBION, INDIANA

2009

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THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 1, 2009, Thursday

Man dies in wreck

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ASHLEY — One person is dead and two injured following a crash outside Ashley at about 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Steuben County Sheriff's deputies said the driver of the vehicle, David M. Aschleman, 67, Auburn, died at the scene of the wreck at 6530 S. C.R. 400W.

Aschleman was driving a red pickup southbound when he possibly suffered from some sort of medical issue and likely lost consciousness, officers said.

The vehicle left the road on the east side, hitting a mailbox before colliding with a utility pole, which was split due to the impact of the crash. The vehicle flipped onto its side.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder.

The two passengers in the vehicle, Thomas L. Aschleman, 58, and Raymond Aschleman, 93, both of Auburn, were taken to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for complaints of chest pain.

Thomas Aschleman was listed in stable but serious condition at Cameron Wednesday. Raymond Aschleman was transferred to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and was listed in fair condition Wednesday night.

The accident took place in homeowner Elisabeth McHugh's front yard. She said she looked out her window and saw her mailbox flying through the air.

"I didn't really hear the impact," McHugh said. She only realized what happened, she said, when she saw police gathering in front of her home, and after a neighbor on the other side of the street had called.

Edward Benassi

SOUTH BEND — Edward L. Benassi, 57, of South Bend died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2009, in South Bend.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Welsheimer Funeral Home, 421 N. Williams St., South Bend. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in South Bend.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Emma Martin

ANGOLA — Emma Jean Martin, 81, of Angola died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Martin had lived in LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties since moving to the area in 1964 from Muncie.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Mrs. Martin was born on Feb. 28, 1928, in Randolph County to George C. and Minnie A. (Moon) Terrell. She married Jack E. Martin on Nov. 28, 1947, in Muncie. He preceded her in death on July 26, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Jackie Bork of Angola and Terri Nodine of Wolcottville; a son, Gregory A. Martin of Angola; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joan Moistner of Muncie and Marilyn UpChurch of Yorktown and a brother, Robert E. Terrell of Farmland.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a son, James E. Martin on Dec. 11, 1998; a sister; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3 p.m. until service time.

Entombment will be at noon Saturday at Elm Ridge Cemetery in Muncie. Visitation will be one hour prior to committal.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 1, 2009, Thursday

Ross Jett

WAWAKA — Ross Edward Jett, 77, died peacefully in his sleep the morning of Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at his Wawaka, Indiana home.

He was a lifelong resident of Noble County.

Mr. Jett was a longtime member and was very active in the Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

Mr. Jett

He had been engaged in farming until 1988, and was currently the owner of Jett Realty. He was also the current Elkhart Township Trustee, a position he had held since 1993.

He served on the Noble County Council from 1978 to 1987 and was president of the County Council for several years.

Mr. Jett was also very involved in numerous community organizations. He was instrumental in the organization of the Noble County Community Fair Corporation and served as its first president in 1982-83. He was a board member for 20 years, and chaired the Long Range Committee. He also chaired the Grand Slam Rebuilding Fund Committee to replace the fairground's grandstand that was destroyed by fire in 1995. This effort resulted in raising $215,000 and a new 2,000 seat grandstand was in place in time for the 1996 fair.

Mr. Jett was a former board member and past president of the Indiana State County Fair Association.

A graduate of Wawaka High School in 1950, Mr. Jett also served with the 701st U.S. Army Military Police at Fort Knox, Ky.

Mr. Jett was born April 20, 1932, to Floyd and Ruth (Frick) Jett. On June 29, 1952, he married Sheila Chapman. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are three children — Roger Jett and his wife Cheryl of Ligonier, Kathy Jett of Ithaca, New York, and Linda Dirig and her husband David of Albion; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Viewing will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, October 1, 2009, at Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

The Rev. Verne Leininger will officiate at the funeral service to be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren located at 2726 W. C.R. 700N, Wawaka, Ind. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery at Wawaka.

Pallbearers will be Fred Roy, Nelson LeCount, Kenny Stringfellow, Max Weber, Tom Clouse and John Cochard. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Malle, Jason Cripe, Ray Cripe, Tim Clouse, Glen Slabach, Don Bish, Bob Bollinger, Tom Savage and Roger Diehm.

Preferred memorials are to the Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Leslie Ebert

WATERLOO — Leslie Wayne "Pee Wee" Ebert, 60, of Waterloo died Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Ebert was born August 10, 1949, in Howard County, Indiana.

He worked for the Dana Corporation/Eaton Corporation for 35 years, retiring in 2007.

Mr. Ebert

He was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, serving during the Vietnam War. He was also a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Jay Street Church of God in Kokomo. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn, the local United Auto Workers Union, and the Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization.

He married Nancy S. Flagg on March 12, 1972, in Peru. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving is a son, John W. Ebert of Bishopville, S.C.; a daughter, Stacey S. Ebert of Waterloo; two grandchildren, Kaeden Thomas and Xavier Thomas; one brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Donna Ebert of Galveston; a sister-in-law and her husband, Cindy and Mike Taylor of Peru; and five nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Steve Evans officiating.

Burial will take place in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the United States Marine Corps and the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Lila Connelly

LAGRANGE — Lila C. Connelly, 84, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Sidney Blizzard

LAGRANGE — Sidney L. Blizzard, 51, of LaGrange died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

There will be no services at this time. Cremation has taken place.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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October 2, 2009, Friday

Edward Benassi

SOUTH BEND — Edward L. Benassi, 57, of South Bend died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, in South Bend.

Mr. Benassi was a graduate of IU.

He was born Jan. 31, 1952, to Geno and Josephine (Vogt) Benassi. He married Cindy Durbin on Aug. 21, 1976, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his wife, Cindy Durbin Benassi; a daughter, Novie Benassi; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Faye D. and Patricia Durbin; six sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Pam and Terry Baker, Teri and Kim Rider, Don and Judi Durbin, Jeff and Sally Durbin, Scott and Ruth Durbin and Brent and Lynn Durbin; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Welsheimer Funeral Home, 421 N. Williams St., South Bend.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in South Bend.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Margaret Keys

WATERFORD, Mich. — Margaret Yoder Keys, 93, died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, at her son's home in Waterford, Mich.

Margaret, her sisters and brother were raised in Angola and attended DePauw University.

Margaret was a beauty queen and an intellectual. She taught at Gallaudet University, was on Broadway, and worked summers at the Times Building in New York.

Her husband, Douglas Keys, preceded her in death in 2000.

She is survived by her children, Richard, Rodman and Andrew; and by her two sisters, Anne Bowden of Angola and Susan Jackson.

A brother, Marion Yoder, died in 1977.

She will be buried Saturday next to her husband in Rye, N.H.

David Aschleman

AUBURN — David M. Aschleman, 66, of Auburn died Wednesday, September 30, 2009, in Ashley.

Mr. Aschleman worked for the Dana Corp./Eaton Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1999. He was also a DeKalb County farmer.

He served in the United States National Guard from 1964 to 1970.

He was born on December 25, 1942, in DeKalb County to Raymond and Luella (Brown) Aschleman. They survive in Auburn.

Mr. Aschleman

He married Virginia Baughman on January 9, 1965, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Dawn Aschleman of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Vicky and Brad Babbitt of Auburn; three grandchildren, Jack David Aschleman, Emilie Ann Aschleman and Tyler Babbitt, all of Auburn; two brothers, Tom Aschleman of Auburn and Tim Aschleman of Auburn; and one sister, Sandra Aschleman of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Aschleman.

A service for family and close friends will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Duane Grady officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Camp Riley in care of Riley Children's Foundation.

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Kevin Snook

GARRETT — Kevin J. Snook, 51, of Garrett, died on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Snook was a bartender at Martin's Tavern in Garrett.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Aug. 24, 1958, in Garrett to Gerry G. and Mary Jane (Shuff) Snook. He married Patty Conn on July 12, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Snook of Garrett; his father, Gerry Snook of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Deadra Hays of Garrett; two brothers, Steven Snook of Garrett and Timothy (Christy) Snook of Garrett; a sister, Sharon (Mack) Short of Auburn; and two stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother; a brother, Michael Snook; and a sister, Patrish Snook.

There will be a gathering for family and friends on Saturday from 5-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Memorials are to the family c/o Thomas Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Vickie Rinehart

AUBURN — Vickie Lynn Rinehart, 55, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009.

A memorial service will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Herman Jensen

GARRETT — Herman W. Jensen, 92, of Garrett died on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Jensen was a conductor on CSX Railroad for 41 years before retiring in 1982.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Garrett Masonic City Lodge No. 537 and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

Mr. Jensen

He was born April 18, 1917, in Syracuse to Ladene and Ida (Kitson) Jensen. He married Betty E. Holloway on Dec. 31, 1939, in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Betty E. Jensen of Garrett; two daughters, Karen (Lee) Johnson of Angola and Kim (Bill) Schaab of Auburn; a son, Michael (Bobbie) Jensen of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Lower.

Calling will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, with funeral celebrant Ryan Myers officiating. Burial will follow in Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

THE NEWS SUN
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October 3, 2009, Saturday

'Doc' VanMeter will long be remembered

To the editor:

In appreciation of Dr. David VanMeter Jr.:

"Doc," the name many know him by, was a caring volunteer at Lutheran Life Villages for many years. He played an instrumental part of the transition from Lutheran Home on Mitchell Street to Shepherd of the Hill. He often told the story of helping to physically move residents and possessions to the new home.

Doc, along with his wife Alvena, headed up the fundraiser known as the "Extravaganza Garage Sale" for several years. He was a gracious leader and volunteers were always willing to help him. One goal was raising funds to buy a 10-passenger mini bus for the residents. The bus has enabled residents to travel on many outings both far and wide.

Doc was also responsible for raising funds for many necessary items to finish the Good Shepherd Chapel.

He was a blessing to the residents of LLV and gave tirelessly to them. He will be long remembered by many.

Auxiliary members and volunteers of Lutheran Life Villages

Richard Hartnup

KENDALLVILLE — Richard W. Hartnup, 86, of Kendallville and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, in the Chandler House in Kendallville.

Among his survivors is a daughter, Judi Armstrong of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the activities fund, Assisted Living Concepts — LE, which is the Chandler House.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's paper.

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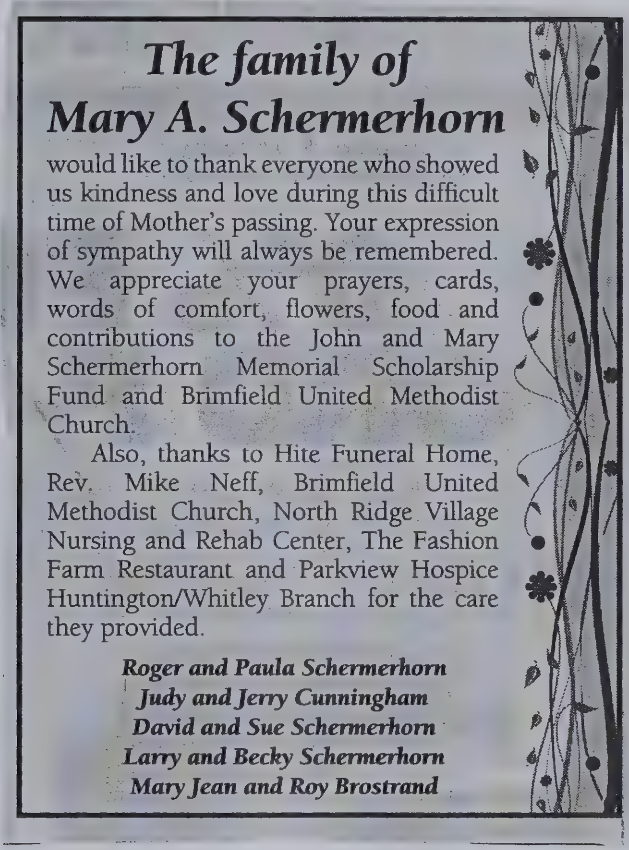
October 3, 2009, Saturday



The family of Mary A. Schermerhorn

would like to thank everyone who showed us kindness and love during this difficult time of Mother's passing. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. We appreciate your prayers, cards, words of comfort, flowers, food and contributions to the John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship Fund and Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Also, thanks to Hite Funeral Home, Rev. Mike Neff, Brimfield United Methodist Church, North Ridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center, The Fashion Farm Restaurant and Parkview Hospice Huntington/Whitley Branch for the care they provided.

Roger and Paula Schermerhorn
Judy and Jerry Cunningham
David and Sue Schermerhorn
Larry and Becky Schermerhorn
Mary Jean and Roy Brostrand

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 4, 2009, Sunday

Cary was passionate about comrades

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — When Robert Cary returned to Angola after serving in the Pacific during World War II, he began a life of service to his community and his fellow veterans.

Cary, who spent 30 years with the Angola Post Office after returning from the war, and served as a commander of the Angola American Legion Post No. 31, died last Sunday, Sept. 27, at his home in Angola.

"He was a member of nearly every service organization in the area," son Kevin Cary said. "He was a very service oriented person. Being brought up during the Depression would do that to a person."

Cary was especially involved with the American Legion and other veterans organizations. Morrie Whitlock, a Legion member for nearly 60 years, came into the group with Cary at about the same time.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Robert Cary, left, was "Mr. Legion," to his comrades in the Angola American Legion Post No. 31. Cary served in the Army during World War II, then became a postman in Angola. He and his family would take many trips to NASCAR races in his later years.

"He was very active right from the start. He was Mr. Legion," Whitlock said. "He did it because of his love for his fellow Legionnaires. He was into everything that would support his comrades."

Legion member Jim Tinpe said Cary would often say that he "bled Legion blue."

"I don't think he's missed three or four district meetings in all his time here," Tinpe said

Cary served in nearly every officer capacity with the Legion, including serving as post commander in 1954-55. He was also a member of the national Forty & Eight, an elite Legion honor society formed in 1920. He served as Chef de Gare, the commander for the state chapter.

"He traveled around the state extensively while he was Chef, and he made it to a lot of national and state conventions," Whitlock said.

That travel extended to his home life, his family said. Cary was a major fan of NASCAR and other forms of auto racing, and the family took a good number of trips across the country to different races.

"We had season tickets to Michigan International Speedway for a long time," Kevin said. "We went to Daytona twice. We went to Darlington (S.C.), Talladega (Ala.), Charlotte, and Bristol (Tenn.). We visited every state except Alaska, just vacation trips. He just wanted to see everything, and I think he wanted me to see everything too."

Cary enlisted in the Army in 1939, as a way to make good money at during the Depression. He signed up for a two-year stint at first, but was kept from leaving when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and war was declared. The original date for his discharge, Dec. 18, 1941, became his wedding day, after he was furloughed home.

Cary met his wife, Ardith, through Ardith's cousin, a classmate of Cary's.

"We got to know each other when I worked at my aunt's restaurant in Angola," Ardith said.

After getting out of the service, Cary came home to Angola, originally working as a mechanic, as he had in the service. He then took a job as a clerk at the post office. "he worked his way up," Kevin said. Eventually, Cary became a rural carrier.

While he was passionate about his work in the Legion and other veterans organizations, Kevin said his father didn't much like to talk about his own war experiences. Cary mostly served in the motor pool, working as a mechanic.

"He never talked about it, hardly at all," he said. "The one story he would talk about is being bivouacked on Iwo Jima at the end of an airfield, so every morning the planes would come flying in and wake him up." Cary would also talk about the time he came home from the South Pacific for leave, and arrived in Chicago. In January.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 4, 2009, Sunday

Charles Clifford

WATERLOO— Charles W. Clifford, 75, of Waterloo died peacefully at his home on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009.

Mr. Clifford

Mr. Clifford was a lifelong DeKalb County farmer.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born March 31, 1934, in Arcola to Oscar and Hazel (Felger) Clifford.

He married Roseline J. Brower in January 1954, in Whitley County. She died in August 1977.

Surviving are his companion of 30 years, Alice Maloy of Waterloo; children and spouses, Cathy and Mark Johnson of Little Rock, Ark., Charles J. Clifford of Los Angeles, W. Gene and Shawn Clifford of Auburn, Bradley A. Clifford of Waterloo, Brian S. and Stephanie Clifford of Waterloo, and William Charles "Bill" and Lisa Clifford of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four brothers; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and two brothers.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. There will also be one hour of visitation prior to the service on Tuesday. A rosary will be recited at 1:45 p.m. Monday prior to visitation.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Richard Hartnup

KENDALLVILLE — Richard W. Hartnup, 86, of Kendallville and formerly of Fort Wayne and Coldwater, Michigan, died Friday, October 2, 2009, in the Chandler House in Kendallville.

Mr. Hartnup

Mr. Hartnup had lived the past two years in Kendallville. Most of his life, he lived in Fort Wayne and after retirement moved to Coldwater Lake near Coldwater, Michigan.

He retired as Vice President of Coverall Rental Service in Fort Wayne where he had worked for 28 years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and the Shrine all in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II Air Force veteran, and a purple heart recipient along with several other meritorious awards.

He was born December 19, 1922, in Fort Wayne to George & Velma (Moffat) Hartnup. On September 2, 1943, in Nashville, Tennessee, he married Katherine J. Jenkins.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine J. Hartnup of Kendallville; a daughter and her friend, Judi Armstrong and Ivan Pepple of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Tami Hartnup of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law, Virginia and Norval Cranford, Mary Nichols, and Peg and Coy Adams; a brother-in-law, Harold Jenkins; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Helen Hubler.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Rev. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday, October 5, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Assisted Living Concepts - LE (Chandler House activities fund).

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 4, 2009, Sunday

Zachary TenBrook

MIDDLEBURY — Lance Corporal Zachary D. TenBrook, 21, of Middlebury, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009 at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, Calif., from injuries sustained when his flatbed truck rolled over during a month-long combined arms training exercise in preparation for upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

Mr. TenBrook

He was born April 12, 1988 in Elkhart, to Doug and Kim (Marschke) TenBrook.

Zachary was stationed with the 3rd Supply Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, Okinawa, Japan, and was assigned as an individual augment ammunition technician to Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. He decided to join the military out of a desire to serve his country, make his life better and help other people.

He was a 2006 graduate of Northridge High School, where he played sousaphone and drums in the school's marching band. He attended Pathway Assembly of God in Middlebury.

Lance Corporal TenBrook's awards included the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and a Meritorious Mast.

Surviving, in addition to his parents are two brothers, Michael TenBrook and Derrek TenBrook; and a sister, Chelsea TenBrook all living at home in Middlebury; grandparents, Jerry and Flo TenBrook of Knoxville, Tenn.; grandmother, Sandy Ridenour of Tipton; grandfather Bill Marschke of Elwood; six aunts and uncles, Greg and Kathy TenBrook of Tipton, Steve TenBrook of Tipton, Jim and Kelly TenBrook of Chicago, Troy Ridenour of Tipton, Kelly and Brent Hamilton of Tipton, Joe and Sandy Marschke of Constantine, Mich.; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Steve Ridenour.

All services are pending at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 South Main Street, Middlebury. When scheduled, funeral services will be held at River of Life Fellowship Church, just east of S.R. 13 on S.R. 120 in Middlebury. Services will be conducted by Pastors Scott Miller, Bob White and John Utley.

Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury. Military graveside services will be conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps and the American Legion Post No. 210 Middlebury.

Memorials may be given to Northridge Marching Band. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Chasity Swegles

ANGOLA — Chasity Marie Swegles, 33, of Angola died Thursday, Oct. 1, at her home.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Eunice Zehr

AUBURN — Eunice H. Zehr, 96, of Auburn and formerly of Leo, died Friday, Oct.2, 2009 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 7, 1913, in Spencerville to John and Lovina Shilling. She married Harold Zehr in 1936, in Auburn. He died in 1974.

She was an active member of County Line Church of God, where she also taught Sunday school. She graduated from Spencerville High School in 1932.

Mrs. Zehr worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for over 30 years, retiring in 1975.

Surviving are one step brother and his wife, Dale and Pat Warstler of Auburn; one step sister, Debris Means of Waterloo; and several step nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step father, Ralph Warstler; and one sister, Deloris Shilling.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black and Pastor David Grogg officiating. Burial will take place in White City Cemetery in Spencerville.

Calling will be from 12-2p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the County Line Church of God.

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October 4, 2009, Sunday

John McShane

ANGOLA — Former Lake and LaPorte counties resident, John R. "Duke" McShane passed away at his home in Angola, Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 following several years in treatment for cancer.

He is survived by his daughter Bridget of Angola, her sons and his two grandsons Dalton and Jericko; and his son Sean of Fish Lake. Also surviving are his sister Kathryn Sekula of Coloma, Mich.; his brother Patrick of Oklahoma City; six neices and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Betty (Reinz) McShane; his sister Diane; and his nephew Michael Sekula.

In the final weeks of life, Duke's caregivers were his brother and his former wife and lifelong friend, Andrea McShane of Las Vegas.

Duke was proud to be a retired member of the Sheetmetal Workers Union Local 303 of Gary and Local 20 of Indianapolis. A 1962 graduate of Bishop Noll High School in Hammond, Duke also attended St. Joseph College and Indiana University Bloomington. He bequeathed his body to IU's medical research program in Indianapolis.

Throughout his life, Duke was a friend who lent a helping hand to all. He enjoyed gardening and the outdoors in Indiana for most of the year as well as camping and kayaking in the Florida Everglades during the winter months. He will be remembered and missed by all whose lives he touched.

In lieu of a traditional funeral and interment, his family will host a "celebration of life" on Saturday, October 10. Contact any family member for details and directions.

"If the mind is dominated by negative emotions, then there is no possibility to develop compassion, kindness, forgiveness and tolerance and the resulting piece of mind those virtues bring." Author Unknown

Chadwick Howard

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Chadwick Wayne Howard, 28, of Hillsdale, Mich., died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, in Hillsdale.

Mr. Howard

Mr. Howard worked in construction. He enjoyed sports and lifting weights.

He was born July 3, 1981, in LaGrange, to Steven Howard and Carla (Hicks) Shepherd. His father survives in Garrett, Ky., and his mother survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are a sister, Kim Clawson of Jackson, Mich.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Travis Shepherd of Hillsdale, Mich., and Mark & Joyce Hicks of Ligonier; his grandparents, William Hicks, Jr. and Mable Hicks of Ligonier; and a special friend, Lola Fields of Litchfield, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jeremy J. Howard in December 2006.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Solid Rock Church at the intersection of S.R. 5 and C.R. 1100N north of Ligonier, with Pastor Jesse Jacobs and Pastor Purda Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is Monday after 3 p.m. and all day Tuesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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James Smith

KIMMELL — James Matthew "Jim" Smith, 85, passed away Oct. 3, 2009, at his residence in Kimmell after a lengthy illness.

He was born in January 1924 to Edward and Ada Smith in Keokee County, Va. Jim lived in the Kimmell area for the past 30 years. He worked as a wire mill foreman for Essex Wire.

Jim served in the Army and was a member of American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier. He was also a member of the Eagles.

His family will remember Jim as an awesome storyteller and a hard worker. He was a southern gentleman. They also will remember him as a great cook and an avid fisherman. On a personal note, he was referred to as a good father-in-law, a loving grandfather and a loving father. He enjoyed taking the family swimming and on one occasion he would not let them swim until they ate some liver he had prepared for them. The family will miss his fried green tomatoes and his hush puppies with onions. He always kept suckers for the grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Jim loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lorell, in November 2004; two infant sons; five brothers, Russell Smith, Benton Smith, Ray Smith, Alfred Smith and Wayne Smith; and a sister, Maxine Morris.

Mr. Smith is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry and Russell Jackson of Kimmell, Shirley and Wylie Miller of Phoenix, Ariz., and Susan Grosjean of Fort Wayne; a sister, Agnes Duff of Cumberland, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with an elder from the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be at the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009.

Pallbearers are Shane Jackson, Jermiah Jackson, Cody Harnoff, Keith Johnston, Scott Chiddister and Frank Quinn.

Donations in loving memory of Jim may be directed to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Kline Funeral Service, Millersburg.

The Family of

James B. Perkins,

who passed away on September 22, 2009, wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, e-mails and calls to his family.

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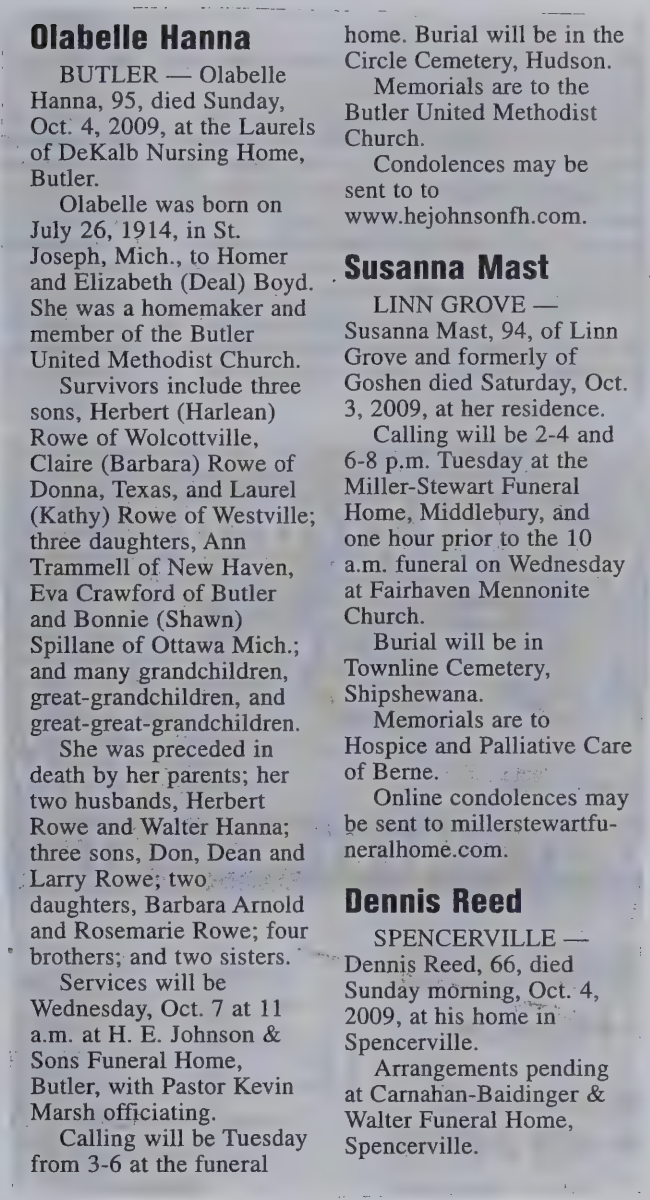

Olabelle Hanna

BUTLER — Olabelle Hanna, 95, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Olabelle was born on July 26, 1914, in St. Joseph, Mich., to Homer and Elizabeth (Deal) Boyd. She was a homemaker and member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Herbert (Harlean) Rowe of Wolcottville, Claire (Barbara) Rowe of Donna, Texas, and Laurel (Kathy) Rowe of Westville; three daughters, Ann Trammell of New Haven, Eva Crawford of Butler and Bonnie (Shawn) Spillane of Ottawa Mich.; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands, Herbert Rowe and Walter Hanna; three sons, Don, Dean and Larry Rowe; two daughters, Barbara Arnold and Rosemarie Rowe; four brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-6 at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Susanna Mast

LINN GROVE — Susanna Mast, 94, of Linn Grove and formerly of Goshen died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at her residence.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, and one hour prior to the 10 a.m. funeral on Wednesday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church.

Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Hospice and Palliative Care of Berne.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Dennis Reed

SPENCERVILLE — Dennis Reed, 66, died Sunday morning, Oct. 4, 2009, at his home in Spencerville.

Arrangements pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

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Albion man dies in crash

BY JIM SHILANDER
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HUNTINGTON — An Albion man was killed Monday afternoon in a wreck in Huntington County.

Andrew Vice, 29, was declared dead at the scene after a semi-truck failed to stop at the intersection of U.S. 224 and S.R. 5. It overturned onto Vice's car, which was stopped at the intersection. The car was immediately crushed under the semi. Both vehicles then slid off the side of the road. The crash took place at around 3:30 p.m.

The driver of the semi had minor injuries.

No further information was available late Monday.

Hit-run driver kills painter

ST. JOE — DeKalb County Police are searching for the driver of a pickup truck that hit and killed a road-painting worker near St. Joe Monday.

Andrew Landes, 22, of Indianapolis was killed instantly in the collision at 2:50 p.m. on S.R. 1 south of St. Joe, according to a news release from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Police said Landes was painting aerial markings on the roadway. He worked for Butler, Fairmont, Seufert, an Indianapolis company that contracted to paint the markings.

Landes apparently was working in the road, measuring as part of the painting process, when he was struck by a southbound vehicle. The truck then continued southbound toward Spencerville.

Police said a witness described the vehicle as a tan pickup truck. Sheriff John Dennis said the truck should have front-end damage.

Area law enforcement agencies had not been able to find the truck by Monday evening. The sheriff's department used an airplane in the search.

Police are asking anyone who has information about the incident to call Detective Don Lauer of the DeKalb Sheriff's Department at 925-3365.

The sheriff's department received help from the Allen County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Southeast Fire, DeKalb EMS and the DeKalb County Coroner's Office.

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Lyle Sawvel

HAMILTON — Lyle L. Sawvel, 49 years, of Hamilton, died Friday, October 2, 2009, at his residence.

Lyle was born on July 22, 1960, in Angola, Indiana, the son of Maynard L. and Velma (Beard) Sawvel.

He was a 1978 graduate of Eastside High School, Butler, Indiana.

He was awarded an associate degree in accounting from Ivy Tech. Lyle had worked for Franz Nursery as a landscape technician.

He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a brother, Bryan Sawvel of Germany; a nephew, Christopher Sawvel of Seattle, Washington; and a niece, Valerie Shannon of Bellingham, Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Lyle L. Sawvel will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, October 9, 2009, in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, Indiana.

Interment will follow in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Visitation for Lyle will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials in the name of Lyle L. Sawvel may be given to Zion United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Eldon Moyer

AVILLA — Eldon Roy "Mike" Moyer, 88 of Avilla, passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at his residence in Avilla.

Mr. Moyer had lived the last 55 years in the area residing in Avilla, Kendallville and Albion.

Mr. Moyer was born in Montpelier, Indiana, on July 21, 1921, to the late Elijah Roy and and Mable Ally Walser Moser.

On February 15, 1942, in New Castle, Indiana, he married Betty Jane Cashdollar. She preceded him in death on February 13, 1992.

Mr. Moyer retired in 1982 after 35 years of service from the Conrail Railroad as a signal maintainer.

He proudly served his country in World War II in the U.S. Army serving in Europe and receiving four Bronze Stars.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Jane and Tom Spice of Fort Wayne and Ann and Dan Griffiths of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Angela Moyer of Carlsbad, Calif.; six grandchildren, Jennifer Schroeder, Joshua Moyer, Meredith Jones, Rob Spice, Olan Griffiths and Margaret Griffiths; seven great-grandchildren, Makenzie and Morgan Schroder, Elliott Moyer, Madeline and Ethan Spice, and Lacey and Elizabeth Jones; a sister, Dorothy C. Moyer of Hartford City, Indiana; and a special friend, La Velda "Betty" McCoy of Avilla and her family.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and his daughter-in-law, Janice Moyer; a brother, Ermil "Spike" Moyer; and a sister, Eloise Caylor.

No formal services have been planned at this time. Cremation has taken place.

The Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Delbert Christlieb

TOLEDO, Ohio — Delbert G. "Delb" Christlieb, 90, of Toledo died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009.

Mr. Christlieb had retired from Toledo Scale where he was a foreman.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War II.

He was born May 5, 1919, in Swan, Ind., to Oscar and Marie (Wood) Christlieb.

Surviving are his children, Sharon (B.W.) Bishop, Sandy (Bob) Hodges and Delbert W. (Lil) Christlieb, all of Thomasville, Ga.; nine grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Lulubelle Sutton of Orland, Ind., Martha Howey of Hamilton, Ind., and Ruby Whittington of Auburn, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ceclia, in 1988; two brothers, Martin Christlieb of Angola and Oscar Charles of Florida; and two sisters, Beulah Stayer of Florida and Mary Schiek of Waterloo, Ind.

Ansberg-West Funeral Home in Toledo, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Wood

HAMILTON — Mary L. Wood, 67 years, of Hamilton died Monday, September 28, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola, where she had been a resident the past two months.

Miss Wood

Mary was born on June 14, 1942, in Waterloo, the daughter of Thomas Seth and Eva Blanche (Richey) Wood.

She was a 1960 graduate of Hamilton High School.

Mary held several different employment opportunities, working as a packer at Wolhert's Automotive in Angola, a machine operator at Pittsfield of Indiana in Hamilton, and as a dietary aide at Laurels of DeKalb from where she retired in August 2008.

She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Mary loved to attend county fairs, go flea market shopping in Shipshewana, attending Hamilton High School boys and girls basketball games, NASCAR and watching Indiana University basketball games.

Mary also loved to spoil the neighbors dogs, Charlie, Jessie and Antler, along with her and her sister Norma's cats.

Surviving is her sister, Norma J. Wood of Waterloo; a brother, James M. (Doris) Wood of Peru, Indiana; nephews, Michael Thomas Wood of Anderson, Indiana, James O. (Jan) Eliason of Peru, Indiana, and Scott Eliason of Las Vegas, Nevada; a great-nephew, Joey Eliason; four great-nieces, Jillian Eliason, Brittany Eliason, Melissa Eliason and Julie (Patrick) Petrowsky of Peru, Indiana; a great-great-niece, Alexia Wells; and cousins, Rebecca and Charles Carey of Hicksville, Ohio.

Her parents and one brother, Thomas Seth Wood Jr., preceded her in death.

Memorial services for Mary L. Wood will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2009, in the Hamilton Church of Christ, 4040 E. Church St., Hamilton, Indiana, with Pastor Jeff Alexander officiating.

Private interment will follow at Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Professional services have been entrusted to Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes in the name of Mary L. Wood may be given to the Hamilton Church of Christ Building Fund or to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the on-line guest book signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Edna Smith

LINCOLN, Ill. — Edna Anne "Eddie" Smith, 70, of Lincoln died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Smith has served as a missionary in Nigeria, West Africa, for 43 years.

Mrs. Smith

She was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church.

She was born Aug. 26, 1939, in Columbus, Ohio, to Paul and Geraldine (Siebert) Baughman. She married Walter C. Smith on July 20, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio. He survives in Lincoln.

Also surviving are a son, Keith (Nancy) Smith of Tucumcari, N.M.; a daughter, Jerianne (Timothy) Hyde of Lincoln; a brother, Richard (Patricia) Baughman of Vandalia, Ohio; a sister, Betty (Herman) Hafey of Columbus, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Donald Baughman.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m Thursday at Lincoln Christian Church in Lincoln, Ill. Services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Local funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at the Church of Christ on Oak Street in Butler, Ind., with Dan Wagner officiating. Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Friday at the church.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Riverview Cemetery in Newville, Ind.

Memorials are to ACM International for Christian Memorial Medical Center in Nigeria or Home Services Hospice.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln and H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler, Ind., are in charge of arrangements.

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Freida Dailey

AUBURN — Freida L. Dailey, 99, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and former employee of Messenger Corp. of Auburn, and Leas Supermarket of Auburn.

Mrs. Dailey

She was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church, Auburn Eastern Star, Entre Nous Literary Club, and DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild.

Mrs. Dailey was born in Concord Township, DeKalb County, on Aug. 31, 1910, to Norman and Luella M. (Bills) Wyatt.

Mrs. Dailey married Robert Lee Morr on Oct. 26th, 1935. He died July of 1952. She then married Russell M. Dailey November 2, 1956 who passed away July 1974.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Lid Morr of Elkhart and Dick and Debbie Morr of Auburn; five grandchildren, Kristi Walling, Laralee Higgins, Kelly Morr, Vicki Morr and Scott Morr; three stepgrandchildren Russell Mitchener, Tom Ringle and Warren Hamman; six great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three stepdaughters, Wanda Mitchener-Brill, Wava Hamman and Betty Ringle; one brother, Glenn Wyatt; and one sister, Beulah Mae Wyatt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 8, 2009, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St. Auburn, Indiana, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Auburn First United Methodist Church.

James Gravens

DECATUR — James E. Gravens, 51, of Decatur died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on June 4, 1958, in Adams County to William S. and Ann E. (McElman) Gravens.

He is survived by his father, William S. Gravens of Decatur; a daughter, Kaylee D. Gravens of Decatur; three brothers, Chris Gravens, Dave Gravens and Bill Gravens, all of Decatur; two sisters, Carol A. Jackson of Wells County and Susie and Randy Johnson of Rome City; two nephews; and one niece.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Abbott officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery in Monroe, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Kaylee Graven's education fund.

To sign the guest book, go to www.haggardandsefton.com.

Barbara Hamilton

ST. JOE — Barbara L. Hamilton, 89, died Sunday, October 4, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., on July 16, 1920, to Newell and Fannie (Harrington) Pond.

She was a homemaker. She also worked in the office of the First United Methodist Church in West Lafayette. She gave piano lessons for many years and was the organist for Grace United Methodist Church in West Lafayette for over 30 years.

She married Dr. William H Hamilton on December 2, 1945, in Rochester, New York, and he passed away August 9, 2009.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marilyn Hamilton of St. Joe, Phyllis and Jim Heath of West Lafayette and Dale and Pierre Verger of Ashland, Oregon; a daughter-in-law, Cathrine Hamilton of St Joe; a sister, Esther Howard of North Canton, Ohio; two grandsons and their spouses, Paul and Leah Hamilton of St. Joe and Ted and Lynn Hamilton of Loves Park, IL.; and two great-grandchildren, Kyle and Tyler Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Roger; and a sister, Janette Swanson.

Services will be held at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, IN 46706, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

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Donna Ringler

FREMONT — Donna Jean Ringler, 62, of Fremont died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at her Fremont home.

Mrs. Ringler was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 15, 1947, in Angola to Eugene and Betty (Lytle) Cope. Her mother survives in Fremont and her father preceded her in death on March 3, 2000.

She married Max T. Ringer on Sept. 26, 1964, in Coldwater, Mich. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are three daughters, Wendy Teachout of Fremont, Teresa and Paul Venzke of Fremont and JoAnn and Kevin Chiddister of Fremont; two sons, Terry and Cathy Ringler of Fremont and Tony and Pam Ringler of Fremont; and three brothers, Lewis Cope of Fremont, Dave and Renee Cope of Angola and Benjamin and Donna Cope of Hamilton.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Kenneth Teachout Jr.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Indiana or to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Dennis Reed

SPENCERVILLE — Dennis E. Reed, 66, died Sunday morning at his home in Spencerville.

He was born in Goshen, Ind., on August 28, 1943, to Donald & Doris (Garber) Reed. He married Diane Jagger on April 15, 1990, in Potsdam, Ohio.

Surviving are: his wife, Diane Reed of Spencerville, Ind.; his mother, Doris Reed of Goshen, Ind.; two daughters, Michale of Goshen, Ind., and Marci of Goshen, Ind.; a son, Matthewof Spring Hill, Fla.; a brother, Larry (Jeanette) Reed of Goshen; and a sister, Barbara of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Reed.

Dennis worked for Phelps Dodge for many years before becoming a self-employed herbalist.

He enjoyed studying and sharing God's word and golfing.

Calling will be held from 2-7 p.m. today at the Spencerville Community Club in Spencerville, Ind. Services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m., with calling 1 hour prior at the Community Club. Dr. Harold Lovelace will officiate.

Preferred Memorials are to: Words & Wisdom Attn: Des Walter - P.O. Box 117 ,Centralia, IL 62801; Harold Lovelace Ministries - P.O .Box 995, Saraland, AL 36571 or Kingdom Bible Studies Attn: Preston Eby - P.O. Box 371240, El Paso, TX 79937.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, IN.

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Helen Yant

FORT WAYNE — Helen J. Yant, 83, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Calling will be from 12:30-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Send online condolences to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Jo-Elaine Randol

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jo-Elaine (Kribbs) Randol, 72, of Wolcottville died at 11:50 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, in her residence.

Services will be Friday at 4 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday and 1-4 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's paper.

Harold Edgerton

MARTIN, Mich. — Harold "Hal" Edgerton, 88, of Martin died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at Crystal Woods in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Edgerton had retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He was a member of the Martin United Methodist Church.

Mr. Edgerton was born in Watson Township on Sept. 3, 1921, to Milton and Jennie (Liberty) Edgerton.

Surviving are a son, John (Michelle Miller-Hansen) Edgerton of Martin; two daughters, Margaret (Ross) Noble of Kendallville, Ind., and Sally (Scott) Wisthuff of Mishawaka, Ind.; a daughter-in-law, Rozanne Edgerton of Memphis, Tenn.; 19 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Milton Edgerton and Samuel (Norma) Edgerton, all of Michigan; a sister-in-law, Gladys Edgerton of Michigan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia in 2003, and a son, Robert Edgerton in 2008.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at the Martin United Methodist Church in Martin, Mich.

Life Story Funeral Home in Plainwell, Mich., is in charge of arrangements.

Visit Mr. Edgerton's memory page at www.lifestorynet.com where you can read his life story, archive a memory or photo, sign his memory book online or make a memorial donation to the Martin United Methodist Church.

Mary Koons

HOWE — Mary A. Koons, 95, of Howe died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

A full obit will appear in Wednesday's paper.

Loran King

BUTLER — Loran D. King, 88, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with burial in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Center St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church from 1-2 p.m.

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Hit-run suspect arrested

Accident killed Indianapolis man

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — A Hicksville, Ohio, man has surrendered to police, reportedly admitting he drove a pickup truck that struck and killed a man south of St. Joe Monday afternoon.

Robert Volkert, 77, was arrested on a charge of failure to stop after an accident involving death, a Class C felony, according to a news release from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. Volkert was being held at the DeKalb County Jail for $3,000 bond.

Andrew Landes, 22, of Indianapolis was killed instantly in the collision at 2:50 p.m. on S.R. 1, nearly a mile south of St. Joe, police said. The truck that hit him continued south on S.R. 1 toward Spencerville.

Volkert came to the sheriff's department in Auburn at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday in the truck he allegedly drove in the fatal accident, a news release said.

His tan GMC pickup matched a description given by a witness to the accident, police said.

Detective Don Lauer of the sheriff's department interviewed Volkert before arresting him, the release said. Lauer had been leading the investigation into the death.

Earlier Tuesday, Lauer said a witness saw the fatal accident while riding as a passenger in a vehicle behind the hit-and-run truck.

Lauer said Landes was painting aerial markings on the roadway.

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HIT-RUN: *Driver was not traveling at high speed*

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He worked for Butler Fairman Seufert, an Indianapolis civil engineering company that contracted to paint the navigational aids.

Landes probably was in the middle of the southbound lane when the truck hit him, Lauer said.

Landes was working in a two-man team. His partner, a surveyor, had turned away and did not see the truck hit Landes, Lauer said.

The workers had placed a cone in the roadway to warn approaching traffic. They parked their vehicle nearby alongside the road.

The collision happened at a level spot in the highway, about one-fourth mile north of C.R. 64.

According to the witness, the truck that hit Landes was not traveling at high speed, Lauer said. The hit-and-run driver steered left of center before the impact, possibly to give room to the painting crew's truck, but he might not have seen Landes in the road, Lauer said.

"The vehicle was approaching the scene, slowed down, and then proceeded to accelerate, and then the impact happened," according to the witness, Lauer said. The driver "went down the road and stopped for a little bit and then took off," he added.

"He would have had to have known that he hit Mr. Landes," Lauer said Tuesday, before Volkert turned himself in.

After the fatality, police launched an extensive search for the hit-and-run vehicle, even using an airplane.

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Maxwell Peachey

KENDALLVILLE — Maxwell L. Peachey, age 91, longtime Kendallville businessman and former owner of Peachey's Cleaners, passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Peachey

Mr. Peachey was born in Topeka, Indiana, on February 14, 1918, to the late Clarence and Ella (Eash) Peachy.

He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.

He married Ruth M. Friedel on February 20, 1941, in Auburn.

Max was the owner and operator of Peachey's Cleaners in Kendallville for 50 years before retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and American Legion, Post 240 in Avilla.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Ruth Peachey of Kendallville; three daughters, Sharron and Richard Johnson of Williamsburg, Virginia, Diane Peachey of Kendallville and Carol Peachey of Avilla; five grandchildren, Cory Renkenberger of Kendallville, Brandon Johnson of Indianapolis, Trenton Johnson of Bloomington, Indiana, Athena Barkett of Marietta, Georgia and Tony Renkenberger of Avilla; four great- grandchildren; and three brothers, Willis Peachy of Kendallville, Francis Peachy formerly of Kendallville and Cy Peachy of The Villages, Florida.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Maxine Woodcock and Betty Christine Peachy.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 9, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military honors conducted by members of the VFW. Post 2749.

Casketbearers will also be members of the VFW Post 2749.

Preferred memorials may be made to Humane Society of Noble County.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Andrew Vice

ALBION — Andrew "Andy" Charles Vice, 29, of Albion died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, from injuries due to an automobile accident in Huntington.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Central Noble High School Auditorium. Pastor Jim Barnes of the Cosperville Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow the funeral at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion.

To leave an online condolence visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Donna Ringler

FREMONT — Donna Jean Ringler, 62, of Fremont died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at her Fremont home.

Mrs. Ringler was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 15, 1947, in Angola to Eugene and Betty (Lytle) Cope. Her mother survives in Fremont and her father preceded her in death on March 3, 2000.

She married Max T. Ringler on Sept. 26, 1964, in Coldwater, Mich. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are three daughters, Wendy Teachout of Fremont, Teresa and Paul Venzke of Fremont and JoAnn and Kevin Chiddister of Fremont; two sons, Terry and Cathy Ringler of Fremont and Tony and Pam Ringler of Fremont; three brothers, Lewis Cope of Fremont, Dave and Renee Cope of Angola and Benjamin and Donna Cope of Hamilton; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Kenneth Teachout Jr.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Indiana or to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Jo-Elaine Randol

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jo-Elaine (Kribbs) Randol, 72, of Wolcottville passed away in the loving arms of her daughter, Linda "Lin" Crampton, at 11:50 a.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2009.

Mrs. Randol

Mrs. Randol enjoyed living most of her life in Florida. She worked as a bookkeeper for her parents at Kribbs Accounting Service in Okeechobee, Florida. She owned and managed Enchanted Forest Mobile Home Park and sold real estate at Realty World, both in Okeechobee.

While living in Pennsylvania, she owned a ceramic store and taught classes there.

Jo-Elaine and her husband, Terry, lived many years in Ocala, Florida, before returning to Terry's home state of Indiana.

She was born September 7, 1937, in Knox, Pennsylvania, to Phillip F. and Willovene (Gray) Kribbs. She was the loving wife of Terry D. Randol. They were married on July 29, 1982, in Ocala, Florida. He preceded her in death on March 8, 2005.

She leaves behind her beloved daughter, Linda "Lin" Crampton of Everett, Pennsylvania, and Lin's fiance, Tim Strobel.

Jo-Elaine was special to all who knew her. She was a warm, caring, loving woman, wife and mother. She will be missed deeply and remembered fondly by her friends and her daughter, Lin.

You'll be in our hearts forever.

I love you Mom, rest in peace.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 9, 2009, at 4 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mel Heiniger officiating.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009, and from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009, in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Loran King

BUTLER — Loran D. King, 88, died Monday, October 5, 2009, at his home.

He was born in Butler on February 2, 1921, to Samuel E. and Odessa Belle (Haverstock) King. His parents have preceded him in death.

Mr. King

He was a Franklin Township farmer all his life, milking cows for more than 70 years. He was also a Pioneer Seed sales representative for 25 years. He was currently serving on the Franklin Township Advisory Board.

Mr. King was a former Franklin Township Trustee for more than 17 years and a former Hamilton School Board member.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center.

He married Dorothymae Robison on February 24, 1945, in Butler and she died April 13, 1995. He then married Donna Aldrich on April 29, 2009, in Auburn and she died March 1, 2003.

He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Lowell and Yvonne King of Waterloo, Wayne and Debbie King of Butler and Darrell and Tina King of Angola; and a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and William Click of Auburn. There are five stepsons and a stepdaughter; a brother and sister-in-law; Ralph and Sadie King of Tavares, FL.; seven grandchildren, Karen (Brian) Mack of Hamilton, Mike King of Indianapolis, Robin Click of Auburn, Brenda (Oscar) Avila of Garrett, Jon King of Waterloo, Melissa (Eliseo) Duran of Cleveland, Ohio and Aylah King of Angola; and two great-grandsons, David Alexander and Oscar Click.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2009, at New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, October 7, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Center St., Waterloo and also 1 hour prior to the service Thursday at the church from 1 to 2 p.m.

The family asks that memorials be directed to the church.

THE NEWS SUN
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Mary Koons

HOWE — Mary A. Koons, 95, of Howe died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Koons moved to LaGrange County in 1974 from Rockford, Ill.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 19, 1914, in Akron, Ind., to Maurice and Lehr (Landis) Lautzenhiser. They preceded her in death. She married Maxwell Koons on Oct. 19, 1938, in Brown County, Ind. He preceded her in death on July 1, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sally and James Hall of Wolcottville; three granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elizabeth Emans of Peru, Ind.

Also preceding her in death were three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Frederick Cain officiating.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville, Ind.

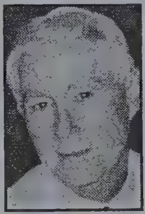
Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Robert Ewing

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Eugene Ewing, 74, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Ewing

Mr. Ewing graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne and Purdue University on a track scholarship. He attained his bachelor of education degree from Purdue in 1956 and a master's degree from Ball State University.

He taught vocational drafting and industrial arts at Garrett High School in Garrett, Ind., for 35 years. He was the track and cross country coach at Garrett for many years and later served as a volunteer track coach at East Noble High School in Kendallville.

Mr. Ewing was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where he was the facilitator for and active with the Divorce Care group.

He was born in St. Joseph County, Ind., on Jan. 21, 1935, to Theodore and Mildred W. (Hennon) Ewing.

His first wife was Stephanie (Bonahoom) Ewing, who preceded his death in 1986.

His second wife was Margaret Tarney Ewing, who also preceded his death May 19, 2009.

Surviving are two sons, Paul and Connie Ewing of Waynesville, Ohio, and Robert Timothy and Carol Ewing of Churubusco; a daughter, Jennifer Kennedy of Garrett; a foster son, Lynn Gonzales of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dr. Dean and Shirley Ewing of Colorado.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Church United Methodist, corner of State and Rush streets in Kendallville, with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Huntington crash claims Albion man

Emergency response personnel look on as the wreckage of an Albion man's vehicle is loaded on to a tow truck. Andrew Vice died when a semi overturned on his car at an intersection in Huntington County Monday. (Photo courtesy WANE-TV)

Andrew Vice

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HUNTINGTON, Ind. — A Huntington traffic accident claimed the life of an Albion man Monday afternoon.

Andrew C. Vice, 29, of Albion, had just completed his work responsibilities for the day at Huntington County Community School Corporation and was heading home. At about 3:30 p.m., Vice, who was northbound, stopped at the intersection of U.S. 224 and State Road 5.

A semi rig driven by Johnny K. Johnson, 47, of Williams, AZ was approaching the same intersection, and according to police reports from the scene, Johnson failed to stop at the intersection. Johnson attempted an evasive maneuver to the right to avoid another motorist who had the right of way. The semi then overturned onto Vice's car, crushing it. Both vehicles then slid off the side of the road on the southeast corner of the intersection.

Vice suffered massive blunt force trauma and was declared dead at the scene.

The driver of the semi reportedly sustained a minor head contusion and abrasions to his left arm and leg.

Assisting at the scene were the Indiana State Police, Huntington County Rescue, Huntington City Police, Huntington City Fire, the Huntington County Coroner's Office and the Huntington County Emergency Management Agency.

Andrew Vice, 29

ALBION - Andrew "Andy" Charles Vice, age 29, of Albion died Monday, October 5, 2009 from injuries due to an automobile accident in Huntington.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 16, 1980 to Charles and Amy (Bair) Vice. He graduated from Central Noble High School in the class of 1999, and received his Associates Degree from ITT Tech in 2002.

On May 20, 2000 he married Jamie (Coney) Vice at the Albion Weslyan Church in Albion. She survives also in Albion.

Andy was a lifetime member of the Albion community and was involved in many aspects. He was a Cub Scout Leader for Albion Pack #3111, he coached Central Noble 6th grade boys basketball, 7th grade girls basketball, and JV girls high school basketball. He was also a little league baseball coach in Albion. He was the IT coordinator for the Noble County Public Library and former Tech Specialist for the Central Noble School Corporation.

Currently he was a Network Engineer for the Huntington County Community School Corporation since July of 2007.

He also enjoyed playing sports, golfing, fishing, watching his kids play sports, video and computer games and jumping on the trampoline with his kids. Above all, he was a devoted father, husband, son and brother.

Surviving are his wife, Jamie; two sons, Rece Andrew and Landen Drew Vice; a daughter, Kaitlyn Nicole Vice all of Albion; parents, Charles and Amy Vice of Albion; three brothers, Cory (Ashley) Vice of Garrett, Tony Vice of Albion, and Alex Vice of Albion; mother and father-in-law, Gary and Carol Coney of Albion; and two brothers-in-law, Shane (Tammy) Coney of Albion, Carey (Dylan) Coney of Avilla; maternal grandparents, Lynn and Anita Bair of Churubusco; Paternal grandparents, Holly Hovarter of Albion and Jerry Vice of St. John, Michigan.

Funeral services for Mr. Vice will be Friday, October 9, 2009 at the Central Noble High School Auditorium at 11:00 AM. Pastor Jim Barnes will officiate. Visitation will be from 2-8 on Thursday October 8, 2009 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Burial following the funeral will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Andy Vice to his children's education fund at Community State Bank in Albion.

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Eldon Roy Moyer, 88

AVILLA - Eldon Roy "Mike" Moyer, 88 of Avilla, passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at his residence in Avilla.

Mr. Moyer had lived the last 55 years in the area residing in Avilla, Kendallville and Albion.

Mr. Moyer was born in Montpelier, Indiana on July 21, 1921 to the late Elijah Roy and and Mable Ally Walser Moser.

On February 15, 1942 in New Castle, Indiana he married the late Betty Jane Cashdollar. She preceded him in death on February 13, 1992.

Mr. Moyer retired in 1982 after 35 years of service from the Conrail Railroad as a Signal Maintainer.

He proudly served his country in World War II in the U.S. Army serving in Europe and receiving 4 bronze stars.

He is survived by two daughters, Mary Jane (Tom) Spice of Ft. Wayne, and Ann (Dan) Griffiths of Kendallville, one son, Michael (Angela) Moyer of Carlsbad, CA; six grandchildren, Jennifer Schroeder, Joshua Moyer, Meredith Jones, Rob Spice, Olan Griffiths, Margaret Griffiths; seven great-grandchildren, Makenzie and Morgan Schroeder, Elliott Moyer, Madeline and Ethan Spice, Lacey and Elizabeth Jones, one sister, Dorothy C. Moyer of Hartford City, Indiana; special friend La Velda "Betty" Mc Coy of Avilla and her family.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; a daughter-in-law, Janice Moyer; one brother, Ermil "Spike" Moyer and one sister Eloise Caylor.

No formal services have been planned at this time. Cremation has taken place.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Avilla Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

James Smith, 85

KIMMELL - James Matthew "Jim" Smith, 85, passed away October 3, 2009, at his residence in Kimmell after a lengthy illness.

He was born in January 1924 to Edward and Ada Smith in Keokee County, Va. Jim lived in the Kimmell area for the past 30 years.

He worked as a wire mill foreman for Essex Wire.

Jim served in the army and was a member of American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier. He was also a member of the Eagles.

His family will remember Jim as an awesome storyteller and a hard worker. He was a southern gentleman. They also will remember him as a great cook and an avid fisherman. On a personal note, he was referred to as a good father-in-law, a loving grandfather and a loving father. He enjoyed taking the family swimming and on one occasion he would not let them swim until they ate some liver he had prepared for them. The family will miss his fried green tomatoes and his hush puppies with onions. He always kept suckers for the grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Jim loved his family. Mr. Smith is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry (Russell) Jackson of Kimmell, Shirley (Wylie) Miller of Phoenix, Ariz., and Susan Grosjean of Fort Wayne; a sister Agnes Duff of Cumberland, KY; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lorell, in November 2004; two infant sons; five brothers, Russell Smith, Benton Smith, Ray Smith, Alfred Smith and Wayne Smith; and a sister, Maxine Morris.

Services will be held October 8, 2009 at 11 A.M. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with an elder from the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be at the funeral Home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2009.

Pallbearers are Shane Jackson, Jermiah Jackson, Cody Harnoff, Keith Johnston, Scott Chiddister and Frank Quinn.

Donations in loving memory of Jim may be directed to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Kline Funeral Service, Millersburg.

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Karen S. Jones, 47

ALBION – Karen S. Jones, 47, of Bear Lake, died at 10:29 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the Hospice Home, Fort Wayne where she was admitted on Thursday evening. She had been in failing health for the past six months.

She was born June 9, 1962 in Richmond, Indiana a daughter of Albert L. and Phyllis J. (Laymon) Cleaver. As a teenager, her family moved to Fort Wayne. She graduated from Homestead High School and continued her education at Ball State University.

In the mid 1990s she moved to the Bear Lake area. She was employed at Headquarters East in Columbia City, later Lyall Electric in Merriam and most recently at CVS in Ligonier.

On October 21, 2006 she was united in marriage to Stanley Chris Jones. They have always made their home at Bear Lake.

She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Chris; a son, Kevin A. Kennedy of Albion; her parents, Albert & Phyllis Cleaver of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Michael Cleaver of Andrews and Phillip Cleaver of Fort Wayne; and a grandmother, Helen Laymon of Huntington.

The memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, 1186 S. U.S. 33, with the family receiving friends after noontime at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Kevin A. Kennedy Education Fund or Wolf Lake United Methodist Church Clinic.

Arrangements are being completed by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Sweeney, 85

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON – She died at home, September 30, 2009 in Spokane, Washington. She had battled Lymphoma Cancer and Leukemia for two years. During the last two weeks of her life, she was placed in Hospice at home and died with her son at her side.

Patricia was born March 17, 1924 in Peoria, Illinois. Her parents were Ronald and Bessie (Stangland) Raber. Her grand parents were Frank and Mabel (Young) Stangland.

She married William Hulen in 1943, was divorced in 1973. She married James Sweeney March 17, 1974. He preceded her in death on June 23, 2001.

Her only daughter, Robin (Hulen) Keuhnast died of cancer December 8, 2001.

Pat was an active member of the Spokane flower Club Manito Park in Spokane. Through her church, she sewed and knitted articles for nursing homes and hospitals. She and her husband delivered meals on wheels daily for 10 years.

She retired from United Way after 20 years in 1980. Her fondest memories were of childhood summer vacations spent in Indiana with her Stangland Aunts, Uncles & Cousins.

She said that she had a full and good life. In the 1950's she and her family lived two years each in France and Germany. Later, with her husband Jim, she took many trips to Ireland, Great Britain and Germany. Traveled by train through Canada and to Alaska, cruises to Hawaii and South Pacific Islands.

She leaves three sons: Wm. Ronald Hulen, Redmond, Washington, Eric Hulen, Spokane, Washington and Jon Hulen, Woodenville, Washington; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren; two sisters, Kathleen (Raber) Johnson, Albion, IN and Nancy MacDonald, Nashville, Tennessee; one brother David, Glendale, Arizona. She is also survived by her two beloved cats: Callie and Lilly.

Her remains were cremated. At a later date the ashes will be scattered over the Spokane River.

A Memorial Service was held October 3, 2009 at West Minster Congregational Church, Spokane.

For those who wish to send a memorial she requested: Meals on Wheels C/O Midcity Senior Center 1122 W. 2nd Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99201 and/or West Minster Congregational Church, 411 South Washington Street, Spokane, Washington 99204.

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Maxwell L. Peachey, 91

KENDALLVILLE – Maxwell L. Peachey, age 91, longtime Kendallville businessman and former owner of Peachey's Cleaners, passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Peachey was born in Topeka, Indiana on February 14, 1918 to the late Clarence and Ella (Eash) Peachy.

He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during WWII. He married Ruth M.Friedel on February 20, 1941 in Auburn.

Max was the owner and operator of Peachey's Cleaners in Kendallville for 50 years before retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Francis Vinyard V.F.W. Post #2749 in Kendallville and American Legion, Post #240 in Avilla.

Survivors include: his wife of 68 years, Ruth Peachey of Kendallville; three daughters, Sharron (Richard) Johnson of Williamsburg, Virginia, Diane Peachey of Kendallville, and Carol Peachey of Avilla; five grandchildren: Cory Renkenberger of Kendallville, Brandon Johnson of Indianapolis, Trenton Johnson of Bloomington, Indiana, Athena Barkett of Marietta, Georgia, and Tony Renkenberger of Avilla; four great grandchildren; three brothers, Willis Peachy of Kendallville, Francis Peachy formerly of Kendallville, and Cy Peachy of The Villages, Florida.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Maxine Woodcock and Betty Christine Peachy.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 3:00-7-:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Friday, October 9, 2009 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military honors conducted by members of the V.F.W. Post #2749.

Casketbearers will also be members of the V.F.W. Post #2749. Preferred Memorials may be made to Humane Society of Noble County.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Mary A. Schermerhorn

The family of Mary A. Schermerhorn would like to thank everyone who showed us kindness and love during this difficult time of Mother's passing. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

We appreciated your prayers, cards, words of comfort, flowers, food and contributions to the John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship Fund and Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Also, thanks to the Hite Funeral Home, Rev. Mike Neff, Brimfield United Methodist Church, North Ridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center and Parkview Hospice Huntington/Columbia City Branch for the care they provided.

Roger and Paula Schermerhorn
Jack and Jerry Cunningham
J. David and Sue Schermerhorn
Larry and Becky Schermerhorn
Mary Jean and Roy Brostrand

THE NEWS SUN
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SUSPECT: *Detective thinks driver did not see man*

News led suspect to turn self in

BY DAVE KURTZ
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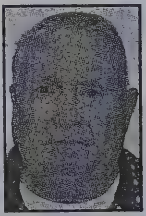
AUBURN — The suspected driver in a fatal hit-and-run highway accident showed up unannounced Tuesday afternoon at the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Robert Volkert, 77, of Hicksville, Ohio, surrendered himself to police, who arrested him on a charge of failure to stop after an accident involving death, a Class C felony, according to a news release.



Volkert

Volkert reportedly admitted he drove a pickup truck that struck and killed a man south of St. Joe Monday afternoon, the release said.

Andrew Landes, 22, of Indianapolis was killed instantly in the collision at 2:50 p.m. on S.R. 1, nearly a mile south of St. Joe, police said. The truck that hit him continued south on S.R. 1 toward Spencerville.

Sheriff's Detective Don Lauer, the lead investigator in the case, said Wednesday that he could not reveal the details of Volkert's alleged confession.

"He did say that he was home watching the noon news and saw the story, and how we were looking for a tan truck, and he decided to come in," Lauer said.

Volkert reportedly came to the sheriff's department in Auburn at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, arriving in the truck he allegedly drove in the fatal accident. His tan GMC pickup matches a description given by a witness to the accident, police said.

Volkert posted $3,000 bond to be released from the DeKalb County Jail Tuesday night, Lauer said.

Lauer said Volkert's statements matched the detective's earlier theory about how the fatal accident happened.

"I believe — after talking to the witnesses and reviewing the evidence and speaking with him — that he just didn't see the guy," Lauer said Wednesday morning. "I think his attention was diverted to the truck that was there."

Landes and a co-worker had parked their vehicle alongside S.R. 1, about one-fourth mile north of C.R. 64.

Lauer said Landes was preparing to paint aerial markings on the roadway. He worked for Butler Fairman Seufert, an Indianapolis company that contracted to paint the navigational aids.

Landes was working with a surveyor, but his partner did not see the fatal impact.

Landes apparently was in the middle of the southbound lane when a southbound pickup truck hit him, according to police reports. The workers had placed a warning cone on the highway.

A witness told Lauer that a truck slowed as it approached the scene, then continued forward and swung left of center before striking Landes.

The driver "went down the road and stopped for a little bit and then took off," the witness said, according to Lauer.

"He would have had to have known that he hit Mr. Landes," Lauer said Tuesday, before Volkert turned himself in.

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Andrew Vice

ALBION — Andrew Charles "Andy" Vice, age 29, of Albion died Monday, October 5, 2009, from injuries due to an automobile accident in Huntington.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 16, 1980, to Charles and Amy (Bair) Vice.

Mr. Vice

Above all in life, Andy was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and good friend.

He graduated from Central Noble High School in the class of 1999, and received his associate degree from ITT Tech in 2002. On May 20, 2000, he married Jamie (Coney) Vice at the Albion Wesleyan Church in Albion. Surviving are his wife, Jamie; a daughter, Kaitlyn Nicole at home; two sons, Rece Andrew and Landen Drew, both at home; his parents, Charles and Amy Vice of Albion; three brothers, Cory (Ashley) Vice of Garrett, Tony Vice of Albion and Alex Vice of Albion; his mother and father-in-law, Garry and Carol Coney of Albion; his brothers-in-law, Shane and Tammy Coney of Albion and Carey and Dylan Coney of Avilla; his maternal grandparents, Lynn and Anita Bair of Churubusco; and his paternal grandparents, Holly Hovarter of Albion and Jerry Vice of St. John, Michigan.

Andy was a lifetime member of the Albion community and was involved in many aspects of community life. He was a Cub Scout Leader for Albion Pack 3111, he coached the Central Noble's Junior Varsity girls basketball team and the seventh grade girls basketball team. He also coached the sixth grade boys basketball team for Central Noble and coached Little League baseball in Albion.

He had been a network engineer for the Huntington County Community School Corporation since July of 2007. He was the IT coordinator for the Noble County Public Library, and former tech specialist for the Central Noble School Corporation.

He also enjoyed playing sports, golfing, fishing, watching his kids play sports, playing video and computer games and jumping on the trampoline with his kids.

Funeral services for Andy will be Friday, October 9, 2009, at the Central Noble High School Auditorium at 11 a.m. Pastor Jim Barnes of the Cosperville Baptist Church will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday, October 8, 2009, at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion.

Burial will follow the funeral at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please make memorial donations in lieu of flowers to his children's fund at Community State Bank in Albion.

To view the obituary online or to leave a online condolence visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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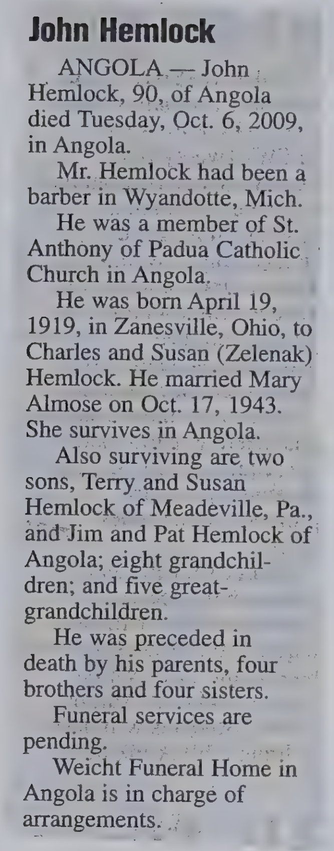


John Hemlock

ANGOLA — John Hemlock, 90, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, in Angola.

Mr. Hemlock had been a barber in Wyandotte, Mich.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

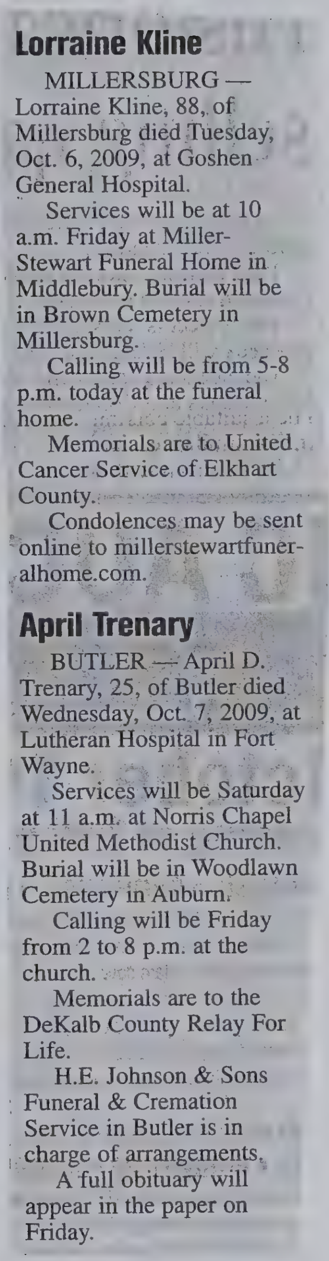
He was born April 19, 1919, in Zanesville, Ohio, to Charles and Susan (Zelenak) Hemlock. He married Mary Almose on Oct. 17, 1943. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Terry and Susan Hemlock of Meadeville, Pa., and Jim and Pat Hemlock of Angola; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services are pending.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.



Lorraine Kline

MILLERSBURG — Lorraine Kline, 88, of Millersburg died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery in Millersburg.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Cancer Service of Elkhart County.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

April Trenary

BUTLER — April D. Trenary, 25, of Butler died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Norris Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Relay For Life.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral & Cremation Service in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in the paper on Friday.

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April Trenary

BUTLER — April D. Trenary, 25, of Butler died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trenary was a student at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, majoring in English.

Mrs. Trenary

She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

She was born on March 8, 1984, in Hicksville, Ohio, to David and Francine (Yochum) Martin. She married Tony Trenary on Sept. 15, 2008, at Norris Chapel Church.

Surviving are her husband, Tony; her parents, David and Fran Martin of Hicksville; a brother, David Martin Jr. of Naples, Fla.; and her maternal grandmother, Ruth Yochum of Hicksville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Frank Yochum.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Norris Chapel Church, Auburn, with Pastor Diane Barrett officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn, Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to the funeral Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb County Relay for Life.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Armelda Ritchie

ROME CITY — Armelda Ritchie, 84, of Rome City died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, at home near Rome City.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, with Pastor Shawn Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be Saturday anytime after 1 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church west of Kendallville on U.S. 6.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Greve Sr.

BLUE LAKE — Donald W. Greve Sr., 83, a resident of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died at 9:35 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Tom Novy officiating. A U.S. Navy military presentation will immediately follow the service. Interment will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Saturday after noon until services at the funeral home.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Saturday after 12 noon until the time of the service.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Greve's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Angel Karr

GARRETT — Infant Angel Jaiden Karr died Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2009, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Nichole Emenhiser and Dustin Karr of Garrett.

Private family services will be held.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services in Auburn will be held.

To leave a condolence or sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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Armelda Ritchie

ROME CITY — Armelda Ritchie, 84, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, at her home near Rome City.

Mrs. Ritchie was a homemaker.

She was a member of Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

She was born in Ritchie, Ky., on April 30, 1925, to Estill and Georgia A. (Polly) Perkins. She married Hubert Ritchie on Jan. 31, 1942, in Ritchie, Ky. He preceded her death Sept. 11, 1997.

Mrs. Ritchie

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Estill "Audie" and Joy Ritchie of Rome City and Tom and Michele Ritchie of Ligonier; five daughters and sons-in-law, Jeannie and Allen Peterson of Albion, Kathleen and Hank Williams of Rome City, Maxine and Glenn "Sonny" Campbell of Rome City, Betty and Bob Campbell of Kendallville and Rita Campbell of Rome City; four sisters, Martha Ellen Fugate of Chicago, Iva Pearl Haston of LaGrange; Donna Sue Smith of Fisty, Ky., and Beulah Faye Micholopoulos of Chicago; five brothers,Austin Perkins of Rome City, Keith Perkins of Lyons, Ga., Jimmy Perkins of Rome City, Estill Perkins Jr. of Cary, Ky., and Danny Joe Perkins of Rome City.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Madie Combs, Elamae Hays and Ann Stevens and three brothers, Bobby Ray Perkins, Carl Perkins and Cova Perkins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, U.S. 6 west of Kendallville, with Pastor Shawn Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Active bearers will be Lonnie Ritchie, Scott Ritchie, Rick Williams, Robbie Williams, Tom Sutton and Glenn Campbell Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Darris Campbell, Kevin Campbell, Terry Lewis, Bobby Campbell, Tommy Ritchie, Jeff Campbell Jr. and Josh Campbell.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Zachary TenBrook

MIDDLEBURY — Lance Cpl. Zachary D. TenBrook, 21, of Middlebury died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, Calif., from injuries sustained when his flatbed truck rolled over during a month-long combined arms training exercise in preparation for upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at River of Life Fellowship Church, Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury. Military graveside services will be conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps and American Legion Post 210 Middlebury.

Memorials are to Northridge Marching Band.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Anthony Gonya

FORT WAYNE — Anthony Gonya, born October 31, 1962, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, October 8, 2009.

Mr. Gonya

Tony spent 25 years in the car business, most recently as the sales manager at Summit City, formerly DeHaven Chevrolet.

He was married to Kathy Lahr Gonya, the love of his life, for 26 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, John K. Gonya and his brother, Daniel Gonya.

He is survived by his wife; his two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Julie Gonya; his mother, Rita Lucas Gonya; and his siblings, Elizabeth Cline, Diane Dolinski (Paul), John Gonya Jr. (Kelly), and Andrew Gonya (Janice); 13 nieces and nephews whom he adored; and a very large extended family.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Tony's life (in "Tony Tradition") at the Lantern, 4420 Ardmore in Fort Wayne on Sunday, October 11, 2009, from 2-7 p.m., with a private burial.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the girls' college fund through Tower Bank.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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A woman of family, faith

Mary Bowman lifted everybody's spirits

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MONGO — Mary C. Bowman was strong in her faith.

Mrs. Bowman, 57, of Mongo, lost her eight-year battle with ovarian cancer on Aug. 26 at her residence. She left behind her memories with those whose lives she touched.

Her obituary lists her as a homemaker and baby sitter. But she was much more than that. She was very active in the community and a powerhouse of faith and love. Mary looked and searched to find the good in everyone. It was because of her generosity and caring for those around her that she was named Mayor of Mongo of 2005. She also won the Pigeon RiverFest pie bake-off.

Her family remembers some of her most often-used life quotes. They included: "Life is what you make of it;" "Don't expect anything you are not willing to work for;" and "Protect and love your Lord, family and friends."

Mary was strong in her faith and her dedication to children was felt in the church. She served the congregation as a Sunday school teacher, youth choir director, youth group leader, Vacation Bible School teacher, Christmas program coordinator, nursery worker, mission coordinator and junior church teacher.

Mary was faithful in the Mongo United Methodist Church, but also took her faith into her everyday life to those she met.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Duane and the late Mary C. Bowman

"Jesus is the light of the world. She was a beacon. She was my sister-in-law, but she was my sister in Christ," said John D. Bartlett, pastor of the Mongo United Methodist Church where Mary Bowman attended. "She lived one day at a time and was grateful for every day she had. She never complained and kept everything to herself, even though she suffered with cancer for eight years. Most people forgot she had cancer. She just kept doing so much. The chemo affected her kidneys, and when she was put on dialysis, they stopped the chemo. At church, she treated the kids like her own.

"She was certainly big-hearted. She was the extended family that the church is supposed to be. If I could be anything like her, I would. She lifted everybody's hopes and spirits," pastor Bartlett said.

"We shared some tough times when there was no work in the late '70s and early '80s, but she always found enough that our kids never knew we were struggling," said Mary's friend and husband of nearly 40 years, Duane. "We have shared a lot more of great times, though. Family time was always her favorite,

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whether we were at a ball game, church or a picnic in the backyard. Mary's favorite place to camp was 40 yards from our front door in our own backyard. We chose to have our children early in life, so we could grow up together."

And that they did, three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shanon and Jamie Staton of Mongo, Brittny and Tyler Cooley of Michigan City, and Nicolette Byers of Mongo; a son and his fiancee, Brandon Bowman and Suzanne Krontz of Mongo. The couple also had four granddaughters, Caterina, Isabella, Hannah and McKenna.

Only, that was not enough. Mary had more love to share and baby-sat for children the community for 25 years and at one point, the couple was awarded guardianship over two children. Mary never made much money baby-sitting, because she always spent it on the kids.

"It was nothing for Mary to take eight kids to the zoo, movies, park, theater and or town a couple of times a week. We had the fullest pew in church, because all the kids wanted to set with 'Aunt Mary,'" he said.

"I was the younger sister, so Mary mothered me," said Rhonda Bartlett, sister to Mary, and added, "When she got sick, I took her to chemo. She had a great rapport with other patients and the nurses. Every time we went, she would take things for the patients and nurses. She always took a crochet basket with her," Rhonda said. (Her basket, which contained an unfinished project, was displayed at the funeral viewing.)

"Over the years, we got together a lot. She would bring the kids over 2-3 days a week. We did just everything together," she said.

Daughter Shanon also remembered her mother's crocheting and cherished the things her mother crocheted for her family.

"She loved to crochet, and every kid in town had received a homemade afghan and hat when they were born," she said. "When Caterina wore a homemade hat to school, all the kids wanted one, so she made each student in her class a hat and set of mittens."

"We did not have everything financially, but we never knew we were poor," Shanon's brother, Brandon, added.

Mrs. Bowman cooked and baked for the community shut-ins, the sick or anyone in the hospital. She made wedding cakes for her daughters', nieces' and nephews' weddings. Mary never met a stranger and went above board be a friend and to show how she cared.

According to her family, she was not a cancer victim — she was a cancer hero. She was a whirlwind of energy and inspiration to the patients. She was diagnosed eight-and-one-half years ago, but never saw it as a death sentence.

Her caring character may have been inherited from her parents, Ernest A. and Della (Bell) Rhinesmith of Mongo. Della has been caring for a neighbor who has fallen and is shut-in at this time. She is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Sherryl Rhinesmith of Wolcottville, and several nieces and nephews.

Amos Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Amos W. Yoder, 88, of Middlebury died at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the LaVern O. Miller Residence, 11460 C.R. 20, Middlebury. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Visitation will be today after 2 p.m. and all day Monday at Mr. Yoder's residence.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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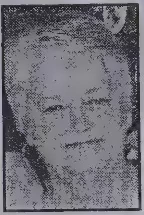
Marlene Gose

LIGONIER — Marlene Suzan "Suzie" Gose, 62, of Ligonier died Friday, October 9, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gose was a lifetime area resident. She graduated from Ligonier High School in 1965. She had been a cosmetologist in Ligonier for many years.



Mrs. Gose

Suzie was blessed to have received a lung transplant in March of 2006, which extended her life for another 3 &#0189; years. She loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

She was born March 3, 1947, in Wolf Lake to Marlo and DonnaBelle (Staton) Strouse. She married Terry Gose in August 1965.

Surviving are a son and his companion, Vince Gose and Vivian Thiel of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammi and Sean Hicks of Ligonier; five grandsons, Private First Class Joseph Gose, Cody Tackett, Trey Sparks, Caleb Gose, and Tanner Hicks; a granddaughter, Cassidy Hicks; two brothers, Don Strouse of Goshen and Phil Strouse of Ligonier; three sisters, Kathy Cronk of Fort Wayne, Kim Short of Ligonier, and Karen Strouse of Ligonier; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, DonnaBelle Hill, and her father, Marlo Strouse.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Elder Russell Hicks of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Honorary casketbearers will be Caleb Gose, Tanner Hicks and Cassidy Hicks.

Active casketbearers will be Joe Gose, Cody Tackett, Trey Sparks, Randy Cronk, Nathan Short and Bobby Ritchie.

Calling will be Monday, October 12, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Armelda Ritchie

ROME CITY — Armelda Ritchie, 84, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, at her home near Rome City.

Mrs. Ritchie was a homemaker.

She was a member of Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

She was born in Ritchie, Ky., on April 30, 1925, to Estill and Georgia A. (Polly) Perkins.

She married Hubert Ritchie on Jan. 31, 1942, in Ritchie, Ky. He preceded her death Sept. 11, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Estill "Audie" and Joy Ritchie of Rome City and Tom and Michele Ritchie of Ligonier; five daughters and sons-in-law, Jeannie and Allen Peterson of Albion, Kathleen and Hank Williams of Rome City, Maxine and Glenn "Sonny" Campbell of Rome City, Betty and Bob Campbell of Kendallville and Rita Campbell of Rome City; four sisters, Martha Ellen Fugate of Chicago, Iva Pearl Haston of LaGrange; Donna Sue Smith of Fisty, Ky., and Beulah Faye Micholopoulos of Chicago; five brothers, Austin Perkins of Rome City, Keith Perkins of Lyons, Ga., Jimmy Perkins of Rome City, Estill Perkins Jr. of Cary, Ky., and Danny Joe Perkins of Rome City; 21 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ritchie

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Madie Combs, Elamae Hays and Ann Stevens and three brothers, Bobby Ray Perkins, Carl Perkins and Cova Perkins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, U.S. 6 west of Kendallville, with Pastor Shawn Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Active bearers will be Lonnie Ritchie, Scott Ritchie, Rick Williams, Robbie Williams, Tom Sutton and Glenn Campbell Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Darris Campbell, Kevin Campbell, Terry Lewis, Bobby Campbell, Tommy Ritchie, Jeff Campbell Jr. and Josh Campbell.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at the Web site www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished due to a typesetting error in Sunday's edition We apologize for the error.*

Marlene Gose

LIGONIER — Marlene Suzan "Suzie" Gose, 62, of Ligonier died Friday, October 9, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gose

Mrs. Gose was a lifetime area resident. She graduated from Ligonier High School in 1965. She had been a cosmetologist in Ligonier for many years.

Suzie was blessed to have received a lung transplant in March of 2006, which extended her life for another 3 1/2 years. She loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

She was born March 3, 1947, in Wolf Lake to Marlo and DonnaBelle (Staton) Strouse. She married Terry Gose in August 1965.

Surviving are a son and his companion, Vince Gose and Vivian Thiel of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammi and Sean Hicks of Ligonier; five grandsons, Private First Class Joseph Gose, Cody Tackett, Trey Sparks, Caleb Gose, and Tanner Hicks; a granddaughter, Cassidy Hicks; two brothers, Don Strouse of Goshen and Phil Strouse of Ligonier; three sisters, Kathy Cronk of Fort Wayne, Kim Short of Ligonier, and Karen Strouse of Ligonier; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, DonnaBelle Hill, and her father, Marlo Strouse.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Elder Russell Hicks of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Honorary casketbearers will be Caleb Gose, Tanner Hicks and Cassidy Hicks.

Active casketbearers will be Joe Gose, Cody Tackett, Trey Sparks, Randy Cronk, Nathan Short and Bobby Ritchie.

Calling will be Monday, October 12, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Lois Krontz

AUBURN — Lois E. Krontz, 94, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home.

She was born Oct. 20, 1914, in Montpelier, Ohio, to the late Fred and Della (Favourite) Weber.

She worked in the office at Warner Gear in Auburn for 16 years before retiring on Jan. 1, 1980. She was a lifetime member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild.

She married Carl Krontz on Aug. 1, 1935, and he died April 3, 1965.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Sue Krontz of Butler, Howard and Carol Krontz of Kendallville and Carl "Dean" and Vickie Krontz of Jerome, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Brian Krontz; a grandson; four sisters; and a brother.

There are no services or calling. Burial will take place in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo are in charge of arrangements.

Cornelius Troyer

GOSHEN — Cornelius H. Troyer, 86, of Goshen died on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at Maples at Waterford Crossing, Goshen.

Calling will be two hours prior to the 2 p.m. funeral service on Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to a hospice on the donors choice.

Online condolences can be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Thelma Beer

ANGOLA — Thelma C. Beer, 84, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009.

Arrangements are pending at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

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Walter Opliger

ALBION — Walter H. "Pete" Opliger, 96, passed on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009 at North Ridge Village, Albion.

Walter was born on Aug. 27, 1913, to the late Eddie and Myrtle Opliger.

He retired from Sahmbaugh & Sons in 1978. He was a member of Albion Asbury United Methodist Church and the Plumbers and Steamfitters 166. He taught welding at night school at Central High School in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Isabelle Pfeiffer Opliger; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Ed Leland of Van Wert, Ohio, Carol and Stan Fahl of Fort Wayne and Linda and Steve Elonzae of Roanoke; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Turner; and three brothers, Donald Opliger, Richard Opliger and David Opliger.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Ladig, and five brothers, Al Opliger, Carl Opliger, Kenneth Opliger, Charles Opliger and Eddie Opliger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Albion Asbury United Methodist Church with calling one hour before the service. Calling will also be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Gardens.

Memorials are to Albion Asbury United Methodist Church.

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Mary Lou Gonser

LAGRANGE — Mary Lou Gonser, 73, of LaGrange, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Gonser

Mrs. Gonser lived her lifetime in LaGrange County. She was a teller for more than 25 years at Farmers State Bank in LaGrange, and a member and former church treasurer of the First Church of God in LaGrange.

She was born June 5, 1936, in LaGrange County to Floyd W. and Dorotha (Fought) Douglas.

She married Walter D. Gonser on Sept. 15, 1956, in Wolcottville and he survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jacqueline Easterday of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne B. and Mary Gonser of Auburn; her father, Floyd W. Douglas of LaGrange; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorotha Douglas.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of God of LaGrange or LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

Ruth Griffin

GARRETT — Ruth W. Griffin, 89, of Garrett died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Jan. 19, 1920, in Auburn to James F. and Alta A. (Gump) Wiley.

She married James A. Griffin Oct. 21, 1937, in Garrett, and he died on June 21, 2001.

She had worked at Electric Motors and Bauman Harnish in Garrett. She was a member of the Nazarene Church in Garrett.

She is survived by a son and a daughter-in-law, Paul Eugene and Maxine Griffin of Valreco, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie Jo and Kent Strong of Garrett and Karen Sue and Frank Davis of Indianapolis; a brother, Howard Wiley of Garrett; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, Ray and Orville Wiley, and a sister, Martha O. Steiman.

Services will be Thursday at noon at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. until service time.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Mary Garman

WALDRON LAKE, WAWAKA — Mary Alice Garman, 90, formerly of Waldron Lake near Wawaka, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at her residence in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Garman was born in Tipton, Ind., on Oct. 21, 1918, to the late Golvin and Ora (Stewart) Gunkel.

She married Melvin Grant Garman, and he preceded her death Jan. 4, 1988.

Mrs. Garman was employed in food service with Highland Community Schools and Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Survivors include a niece and her husband, Jill and Ron Yates of Schererville, Ind., and several other nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

No funeral services are scheduled. Burial will be private at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home is taking care of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Thelma Beer

ANGOLA — Thelma C. Beer, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at her home.

She was born on June 21, 1925, in Delphos, Ohio, to Otto and Leona M. (Jettinghoff) Birkmeier. She was a graduate of St. Marys College and a homemaker.

Mrs. Beer

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Anthony, a volunteer for Cameron Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for many years, an alumni of Psi Iotia Xi and a former member of BPW of Angola. She served on the board of Shelter Ministries (now Rise Inc.).

Thelma married Roman D. Beer on Oct. 1, 1949, in Delphos. He preceded her in death on June 14, 2007.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Sarah and Jim Lane of Fort Wayne, Ruth and David Wappes of Fremont and Martha and Jeff Crooks of Angola; one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Karl and Portia Beer of Sylvania, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Roman, and a brother, Paul Birkmeier.

A funeral Mass for Mrs. Beer will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. A vigil service will be held at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, Cameron Memorial Hospital or intentions to Masses at the church.

Friends may sign a guestbook or view a video tribute for Thelma Beer at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Donald Frazier

AUBURN — Donald "Junior" Frazier, 84, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

He was born in Fort Wayne on May 24, 1925, to Donald J. and Genevive Frazier. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by a stepsister, Evelyn Hurni-Kallas Hacker of Ocala, Fla.; two stepbrothers, George Martin of Angola and Perry Martin of Ocala; and several stepnieces and stepnephews.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother Louis (Stayer) Frazier in 1983.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Chasity Swegles

ANGOLA — Chasity M. Swegles, 33, of Angola died Oct. 1, 2009, at Angola.

Mrs. Swegles worked at Tom's Donuts.

She was born Aug. 25, 1976, in Kendallville.

She married Tony Swegles on Oct. 13, 2008. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are her father, Edward Geist of Garrett; her mother, Emmylou Daler of Sturgis, Mich.; a foster mother, Pat Trietch of Angola; a grandparent, Shirley Daler of Angola; three sons, Tyler, Joseph and William Jackson, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Harly Marie Daler of Angola and Jasmine Jackson of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Tom Islam of Sturgis, Mich., and Clint Geist and Chase Geist, both of Auburn; and two sisters, Amber Islam of Battle Creek, Mich., and Heather Daler of Tennessee.

Services will be Friday at 6 p.m. in Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church, 400 E. Henry St., Angola.

Memorials are to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is handling arrangements.

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Crash kills 4 near Larwill

LARWILL — Four people lost their lives Tuesday afternoon in a traffic accident just south of Larwill.

Those involved were not identified Tuesday pending notification of family.

Police report that a car was heading north on S.R. 5 when the driver tried to pass in a no-passing zone near C.R. 400S in Whitley County and struck an SUV head-on.

All four passengers in the car died and the driver of the SUV was reported in fair condition.

Teodosia Chavez

LIGONIER — Mrs. Teodosia Chavez, 79, of Ligonier passed away at 7 a.m. Friday, October 9, 2009, at Avalon Village; 200 Kingston Circle Drive, Ligonier, Ind.

Mrs. Chavez

On February 15, 1930, she was born in Monterrey, Mexico, to Aneceto and Anacleta Cantu. She came to the Ligonier area in 1960. She married Andrew Chavez Sr. on May 5, 1945 in Laredo, Mexico.

She was a housewife who loved her family. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by eight daughters, Maria Anita (Henry) Sanchez of Ligonier, Ind., Yolanda Owens of Goshen, Ind., Carmen (Kenny) Powers of Ligonier, Ind., MaryJane (Edis) Deel of Ligonier, Ind., Juliet (Sherman) Leamon of Syracuse, Ind., Martha (Mike) Jones, Lucy (Jim) Fearnow of LaGrange, Ind., and Rebecca (David) Bacon of Ligonier, Ind.; three sons, Hilary (Jalaine) Chavez of Clinton, Mich., Joe (Laura) Chavez of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Andrew Chavez Jr. of Ligonier, Ind.; 30 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gabriel Cantu of Monterrey, Mexico.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents; her husband, Andrew Chavez Sr. in 2004; a daughter, Mary Ellen Chavez in 1957; and four grandchildren, David Sanchez in 1988, Seth Chavez in 1992, Laura Leamon in 1996 and Gabe Jones in 2008.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Gasper Catholic Church, 10871 N. S.R. 9 in Rome City, Ind., at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 16, with Father Jim Miller officiating.

Calling will be Thursday, October 15, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home located at 705 S. Main St. in Ligonier, Ind.

Active pallbearers are Dakota Kreczmer, Eric Leamon, Richard Deel, Jeremy Chavez, Brad Chavez and Josh Stidham. Honorary pallbearers are Chad Leamon, Bre Deel and Zac Johnson.

Donations can be directed to Oxford House International of Honolulu.

Interment will be at St. Gasper Cemetery at Rome City, Ind.

Arrangements are by J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, Ind.

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Pearl Ellert

AUBURN — Pearl E. "Peg" Ellert, age 85, of Auburn, IN died Monday, October 12, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

Mrs. Ellert

She was born October 2, 1924, in Garrett, IN to William and Velma (Miller) Geiser and they preceded her in death. She married Carl A. Ellert on April 19, 1947, in Auburn, Ind., and he survives in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and member of the DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She is survived by her husband, Carl A. Ellert of Auburn, Ind.; four daughters, Karen and Bruce LeVasseur, Evergreen, Colo., Toni Garvin of Fremont, Ind., Lisa Sproat of Garrett and Renee and Doug Harp of Kendallville; two sons, Larry and Valerie Ellert of Virginia and Mark Ellert of Fort Wayne, Ind.

She is also survived by her granddaughters, Jennifer Greenman of New Haven, Jamie Sproat of Avilla, Brittney Ellert of Tallahassee, Fla., Nikki LeVasseur of Evergreen, Colo., Abby Harp of Kendallville and Kristen Garvin of Fremont. Peg is survived by her grandsons, Joel Ellert of Fort Wayne, Brandon Ellert of Chicago, Andrew Harp of Kendallville, Dan Garvin of Fremont and Jared Sproat of Garrett; two great-grandchildren, Shayla Greenman of New Haven, Ind., and Braden Ellert of Fort Wayne. Peg is survived by two stepgrandchildren, Ryan Kish of Virginia and Marlo Kish of West Virginia, and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Luc Kish and Alexa Kish of Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Velma Geiser, and a brother, William Geiser Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, October 16, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn with Fr. Derrick Sneyd officiating. There will be visitation from 9-10 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will follow in Catholic Cemetery at Auburn, Ind.

Visitation will also be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday, October15, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home - Garrett, Ind., with a rosary service to be held at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses or the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast, IN (DSANI), P.O. Box 13611, Fort Wayne, IN 46865.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Shirley Lake

WARSAW — Shirley R. (Alliss) Lake, 78, of Warsaw died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel in Plymouth.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home in Plymouth is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to First Christian Church of Warsaw or Kosciusko County Hospice.

Joyce Troyer

LAGRANGE — Joyce A. Troyer, 61, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at her home.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 14, 2009, Wednesday

Betty Williams-Stanley

PORTAGE, Mich. — Betty Williams-Stanley, 60, of Portage and formerly of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009 at her home.

Services will be Saturday at noon at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 314 W. Maumee St., Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 p.m., and Friday from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Portage Chapel, Portage, Mich., and Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon at the church.

A memorial service will take place Saturday, Oct. 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Flora, Ill.

Go to www.langelands.com for directions, register book and condolences.

Donna Bailey

AUBURN — Donna J. Bailey, 82, of Ashland, Ky., passed away Monday, October 12, 2009, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, KY.

She was born December 19, 1927, in Warsaw, Ind., the daughter of the late Leon and Clyttie Walton. She married Alfred D. Bailey on November 4, 1945, in Garrett. He preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and secretary of the Homemakers Club of DeKalb County.

Mrs. Bailey was a member of the Pythian Sisters and the Literary Club of Auburn.

"Mom also was an accomplished poet and had many poems published in the World Treasury of Great Poems as well as being a great mother and friend."

She was a member of Cedar lake Church of Christ in Waterloo until she moved to Kentucky and joined the Hoods Creek Baptist Church where she was saved.

She is preceded in death by her son, Douglas Bailey, and daughter, Norma Piggott.

She is survived by two sons, Mike Bailey of Butler, Ind., and Norman Bailey of New Carlisle, Ohio; two daughters, Sharon Worley of Amarillo, Texas, and Beth Mcdavid of Ashland, Ky.; 16 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

To sign the online guest book or send a condolence, please visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Walter "Pete" Opliger, 96

ALBION — Walter H. "Pete" Opliger, 96, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009 at North Ridge Village, Albion.

Walter was born Aug. 27, 1913, to the late Eddie and Myrtle Opliger.

He retired from Shambaugh & Sons in 1978. He was a member of Albion Asbury United Methodist Church and the Plumbers and Steamfitters 166. He taught welding at night school at Central High School in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Isabelle Pfeiffer Opliger; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia (Ed) Leland of Van Wert, Ohio, Carol (Stan) Fahl of Fort Wayne and Linda (Steve) Elonzae of Roanoke; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Turner; and three brothers, Donald Opliger, Richard Opliger and David Opliger.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Ladig, and five brothers, Al Opliger, Carl Opliger, Kenneth Opliger, Charles Opliger and Eddie Opliger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Albion Asbury United Methodist Church with calling one hour before the service.

Memorials are to Albion Asbury United Methodist Church.

Maxwell Peachey, 91

KENDALLVILLE Maxwell L. Peachey, age 91, longtime Kendallville businessman and former owner of Peachey's Cleaners, passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Peachey was born in Topeka, Indiana, on February 14, 1918, to the late Clarence and Ella (Eash) Peachy.

He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.

He married Ruth M. Friedel on February 20, 1941, in Auburn.

Max was the owner and operator of Peachey's Cleaners in Kendallville for 50 years before retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and American Legion, Post 240 in Avilla.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Ruth Peachey of Kendallville; three daughters, Sharron (Richard) Johnson of Williamsburg, Virginia, Diane Peachey of Kendallville and Carol Peachey of Avilla; five grandchildren, Cory Renkenberger of Kendallville, Brandon Johnson of Indianapolis, Trenton Johnson of Bloomington, Indiana, Athena Barkett of Marietta, Georgia and Tony Renkenberger of Avilla; four great- grandchildren; and three brothers, Willis Peachy of Kendallville, Francis Peachy formerly of Kendallville and Cy Peachy of The Villages, Florida.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Maxine Woodcock and Betty Christine Peachy.

Services were held Friday, October 9, 2009, at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military honors conducted by members of the VFW. Post 2749.

Casketbearers were members of the VFW Post 2749.

Preferred memorials may be made to Humane Society of Noble County.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 14, 2009, Wednesday

Armelda Ritchie, 84

ROME CITY — Armelda Ritchie, 84, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, at her home near Rome City.

She was born in Ritchie, Ky., on April 30, 1925, to Estill and Georgia A. (Polly) Perkins.

She married Hubert Ritchie on Jan. 31, 1942, in Ritchie, Ky. He preceded her death Sept. 11, 1997.

Mrs. Ritchie was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Estill "Audie" (Joy) Ritchie of Rome City and Tom (Michele) Ritchie of Ligonier; five daughters and sons-in-law, Jeannie (Allen) Peterson of Albion, Kathleen (Hank) Williams of Rome City, Maxine (Glenn "Sonny") Campbell of Rome City, Betty (Bob) Campbell of Kendallville and Rita Campbell of Rome City; four sisters, Martha Ellen Fugate of Chicago, Iva Pearl Haston of LaGrange; Donna Sue Smith of Fisty, Ky., and Beulah Faye Micholopoulos of Chicago; five brothers, Austin Perkins of Rome City, Keith Perkins of Lyons, Ga., Jimmy Perkins of Rome City, Estill Perkins Jr. of Cary, Ky., and Danny Joe Perkins of Rome City; 21 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Madie Combs, Elamae Hays and Ann Stevens and three brothers, Bobby Ray Perkins, Carl Perkins and Cova Perkins.

Services were held October 11 at Bethel Christian Baptist Church. Pastor Shawn Shepherd officiated. Burial took place at Orange Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Lonnie Ritchie, Scott Ritchie, Rick Williams, Robbie Williams, Tom Sutton and Glenn Campbell Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Darris Campbell, Kevin Campbell, Terry Lewis, Bobby Campbell, Tommy Ritchie, Jeff Campbell Jr. and Josh Campbell.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at the Web site www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Alice Garman, 90

WAWAKA – Mary Alice Garman, age 90, of formerly of Waldron Lake near Wawaka, died on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at her residence in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Garman was born in Tipton, Indiana on October 21, 1918 to the late Golvin and Ora (Stewart) Gunkel.

She married Melvin Grant Garman and he preceded her death January 4, 1988.

Mrs. Garman was employed in food service with Highland Community Schools and Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Survivors include a neice, Jill (Ron) Yates of Schererville, Indiana; and several other neices and nephews.

No funeral services are scheduled. Burial will be private at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Hite Funeral Home is taking care of the arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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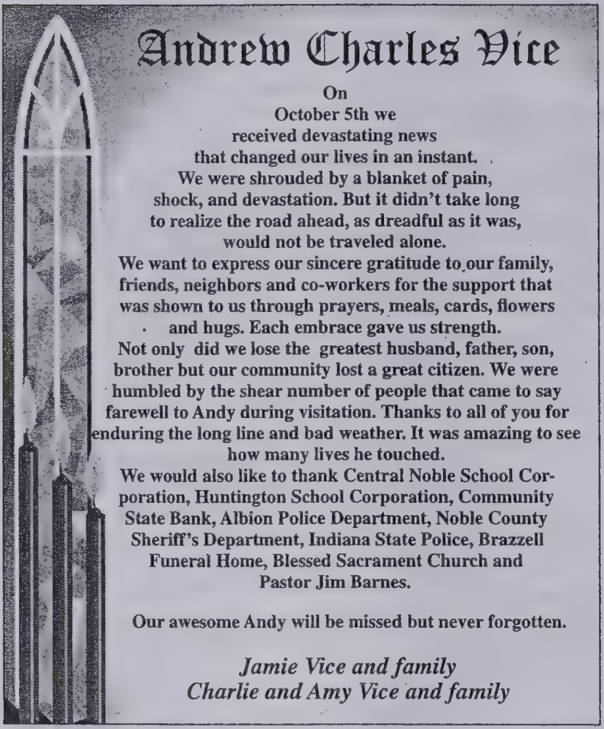
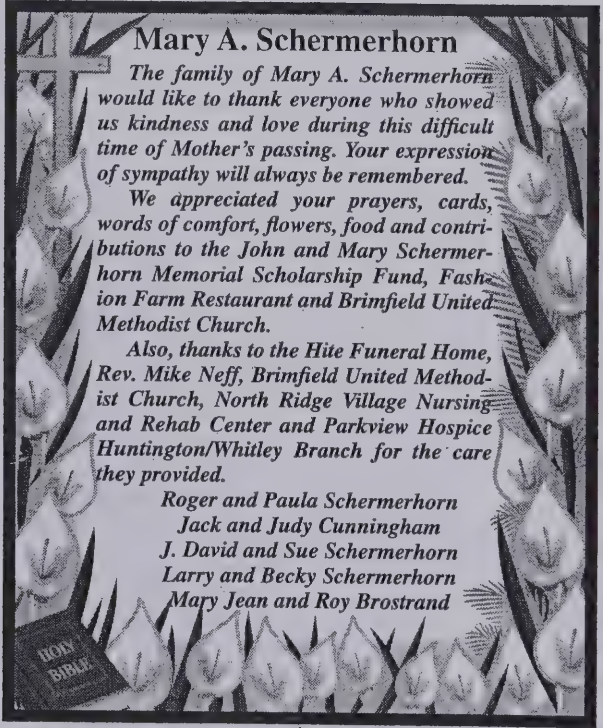


Andrew Charles Vice

On
October 5th we
received devastating news
that changed our lives in an instant.
We were shrouded by a blanket of pain,
shock, and devastation. But it didn't take long
to realize the road ahead, as dreadful as it was,
would not be traveled alone.
We want to express our sincere gratitude to our family,
friends, neighbors and co-workers for the support that
was shown to us through prayers, meals, cards, flowers
and hugs. Each embrace gave us strength.
Not only did we lose the greatest husband, father, son,
brother but our community lost a great citizen. We were
humbled by the shear number of people that came to say
farewell to Andy during visitation. Thanks to all of you for
enduring the long line and bad weather. It was amazing to see
how many lives he touched.
We would also like to thank Central Noble School Corporation, Huntington School Corporation, Community
State Bank, Albion Police Department, Noble County
Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Brazzell
Funeral Home, Blessed Sacrament Church and
Pastor Jim Barnes.

Our awesome Andy will be missed but never forgotten.

Jamie Vice and family
Charlie and Amy Vice and family



Mary A. Schermerhorn

The family of Mary A. Schermerhorn would like to thank everyone who showed us kindness and love during this difficult time of Mother's passing. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

We appreciated your prayers, cards, words of comfort, flowers, food and contributions to the John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship Fund, Fashion Farm Restaurant and Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Also, thanks to the Hite Funeral Home, Rev. Mike Neff, Brimfield United Methodist Church, North Ridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center and Parkview Hospice Huntington/Whitley Branch for the care they provided.

Roger and Paula Schermerhorn
Jack and Judy Cunningham
J. David and Sue Schermerhorn
Larry and Becky Schermerhorn
Mary Jean and Roy Brostrand

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PHOTO COURTESY WANE-TV

Four people were killed when the car they were traveling in struck an oncoming sport-utility vehicle on S.R. 5 near Larwill Tuesday afternoon.

Accident victims from Kentucky

BY BOB BRALEY
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LARWILL — Officials have not yet released the identities of four people killed in a Tuesday afternoon crash near Larwill, except to say they were all from Kentucky, according to the Whitley County coroner.

The identities of the male driver of one of the two vehicles in the head-on collision and his three passengers — one male, two female — are still being determined, Coroner Scott Smith said Wednesday afternoon.

A 1999 Plymouth Neon was northbound on S.R. 5 south of Division Road in Whitley County when the car passed in a no-passing zone and hit a southbound 2003 GMC Yukon head-on, according to a Whitley County Sheriff's Department report. All four people in the car were killed.

The driver of the Yukon, John R. Brooks, 56, of Roanoke was transported to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Published reports said he was in fair condition at the time, and broadcast reports said he had leg injuries. He was not listed in the hospital's directory Wednesday.

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Joyce Troyer

FORT WAYNE — Joyce A. Troyer, 61, of Fort Wayne died at 3:30 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2009, at her residence following a battle with cancer.

Mrs. Troyer

Joyce was a graduate of Wakarusa High School and had lived in LaGrange most of her life.

She was a professional secretary and had worked as a manager in the retail industry.

Joyce moved to Fort Wayne in 1993.

She was born June 27, 1948, in Goshen to Lars and Ruby (Nettleton) Jensen. She married David Wayne Troyer in 1969. He survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sheila Troyer and Karen Tarnow of Fort Wayne, Sharleen and Philip DeJohn of Fort Wayne and Shalisa and David Baxter of Kendallville; four sisters, Yvonne and Gene Ford of Goshen, Joan and Devon Lawrence of Goshen, Jean and Bill Kercher of Goshen and June and Larry Elliott of North Carolina; a brother, Jerry Jensen of Goshen; and eight grandchildren, Brandon Caldwell, Erika Caldwell, Alexis DeJohn, Miah DeJohn, Jordan Baxter, Jalyn Baxter, Drew Baxter and Brooke Baxter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Shari Troyer; a sister, Judy Defour; and a niece, Candy Jensen.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Kenneth Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

In Loving Memory of

David M. Aschleman

Angola EMS, Angola Hospital and staff, Dr. Scott Armstrong and staff, Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Rodney Snyder - Angola Coroner, Bills of Angola, hundreds of family, friends and classmates. People who sent flowers, cards, food, stones and throws. Thank you to all pallbearers, Brian Aschleman, Tim Aschleman, Brad Bobbitt, Eric Aschleman, Joe Albright, Berry Gerig and Orville Wallace. Many thanks to all.

The David Aschleman Family

John Scott Sr.

LAGRANGE — John E. Scott Sr., 62, of LaGrange died unexpectedly Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, in the emergency room of Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's paper.

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Betty Williams-Stanley

PORTAGE, Mich. — Betty M. Williams-Stanley, 60, of Portage and formerly of Angola, Ind., passed away October 13, 2009, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born September 25, 1949, in Xenia, Ill., to Lloyd and Minnie (Wells) Colclasure.

Betty was united in marriage on April 24, 2004, to Michael E. Stanley, who survives.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, Ind.

She and Mike had a great love for the art of ballroom dancing. She also enjoyed flower gardening and bike riding.

Betty was also a longtime member of Business Professionals of Women in Angola, as well as the American Legion. She worked for the American Red Cross for many years and for a time, she was also with Hospice of Gallation in Summit County, Tenn.

Also surviving Betty are, her son, William (Reida) Spitzner Jr.; her grandchildren, Hanna and Malachi Spitzner; her brothers, Harold Colclasure and her twin brother, Ed (Kathy) Colclasure; her stepsons, Jeffrey (Gwen) Stanley and their children, Nicklas and Alex, David (Jennifer) Stanley and their children, Elecia, Tristan, Conner and Erica; her stepdaughter, Anne (Dean) Leonard and their children, Emma and Carsen; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ernest Williams; her father, Lloyd; her mother, Minnie; and her sister, Beverly Gregart.

The family will greet friends today, Thursday, October 15, from 1-3 p.m. and Friday, October 16, from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Portage Chapel, 411 E. Centre Ave., Portage, Mich.

Services will take place on Saturday at noon at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 314 W. Maumee St., Angola, Ind., where family will greet friends from 10 a.m to noon, two hours prior to services. Interment will follow at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

A memorial service will then take place on Saturday, October 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Flora, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Autism Society or the Gilda Radner Ovarian Cancer Society.

To read an online obituary, get directions to the services or sign the register book and offer condolences go to www.langelands.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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HIT-RUN: *Suspect feared confrontation at scene*

Suspect explains fatal hit-run

BY KATHRYN BASSETT
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AUBURN — The man accused in a fatal hit-and-run highway accident near St. Joe told police he did not stop to see what he had hit, because he was afraid of a confrontation with people at the scene, according to a police affidavit filed Thursday in DeKalb Superior Court I.

Volkert

Robert Volkert, 77, of Hicksville, Ohio, is charged with failure to stop after an accident involving death, a Class C felony. He is free on $3,000 bond while the case is pending.

Andrew Landes, 22, of Indianapolis was killed instantly when a pickup truck hit him Oct. 5 on S.R. 1, nearly a mile south of St. Joe, police said.

In the affidavit, DeKalb County Police detective Donald Lauer said he assisted in investigating the hit-and-run accident that killed Landes.

Landes was working for a company that had been contracted to paint aerial markings in the roadway. He was struck and killed by a southbound vehicle that failed to stop after the accident, Lauer said.

Dano Dimke, a witness to the accident, reported that a tan-colored pickup truck approached the area where Mr. Landes was working. It slowed down, drove left-of-center and proceeded forward. The truck them struck Landes, the affidavit said.

"Mr. Dimke said that the truck slowed initially after hitting Mr. Landes and appeared like it was going to stop, but then left the scene," Lauer said in the affidavit.

On Oct. 6, Volkert came to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and said he may have been involved in the fatal crash, the affidavit said

"Mr. Volkert said that he was driving home on S.R. 1, south of St. Joe, when he approached a truck on the side of the road," Lauer said in the affidavit.

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"He said that he believed it to be a phone company truck, Mr. Volkert went left-of-center and proceeded past the truck. He said that he heard and felt a thud. He admitted that he knew he hit something, but said that he didn't know he hit a person," Lauer said.

"Mr. Volkert said he looked in his rear-view mirror and did not see anything, so he drove home. I asked him why he didn't stop to see what he hit. He said that he was afraid of a confrontation with the people at the scene."

Volkert told Lauer he went home and looked at his truck, but did not see any damage, the affidavit said.

"The next day he was watching the news and saw that a man was killed on S.R. 1, south of St. Joe," Lauer said in the affidavit. "He also heard that police were looking for a tan truck. He said he knew that he had gone through that area at the time of the accident and thought that he may be involved."

Lauer said Volkert drove to the sheriff's department in a tan-colored 2002 GMC Pickup — the same vehicle he was driving at the time of the accident.

A visual inspection of the truck showed damage to the front passenger side of the vehicle, which is the area that would have struck Landes, Lauer said in the affidavit. Also, on the bumper, hood and windshield was blood and what appeared to be flesh, Lauer said.

"I asked Mr. Volkert about the blood and flesh. He said that he did not see it when he examined his truck for damage," Lauer said in the affidavit.

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Crash victims were going to doctor's appointment

BY BOB BRALEY
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LARWILL — A Stanton, Ky., man was on his way to a doctor's appointment when his Plymouth Neon crashed near Larwill Tuesday afternoon, killing him and three others, according to a Lexington, Ky., TV station.

LEX 18, an NBC affiliate, reported Thursday that Shara Means, 34, was on his way to the appointment with three friends when the 1999 Plymouth Neon they were northbound on S.R. 5 in passed a vehicle in a no-passing zone and ran head-on into a southbound 2003 GMC Yukon. All four people in the car were killed, and the Yukon driver hospitalized.

LEX 18 said officers believed the other three deceased victims were Powell County, Ky., residents Amanda Hollon, 29; Shannel Gabbard, 21; and Richard Casey Rardin, 27. Police were still awaiting lab results to make a positive identification, the TV station reported.

The TV station did not say where Means' doctor was located.

Yukon driver John R. Brooks, 56, of Roanoke was transported to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, in fair condition with leg injuries. He has since been released.

Andrew Charles Vice

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We would also like to thank Central Noble School Corporation, Huntington School Corporation, Community State Bank, Albion Police Department, Noble Blessed Sacrament Church and Pastor Jim Barnes. Our awesome Andy will be missed, but never forgotten.

Jamie Vice and Family
Charlie and Amy Vice and Family

The Family Of
Thelma Foster

would like to express its most sincere appreciation to all the friends, neighbors, and family who helped us deal with our sorrow of losing Thelma. Your kind words, hugs, pats on the shoulder, generous deeds, and prayers for comfort from God made dealing with our sorrow much easier.

With Sincere Thanks,
Marcia & Greg Beauchamp, Family
Nancy & Stan Jacob, Family
Bert & Chris Foster, Family

THE NEWS SUN
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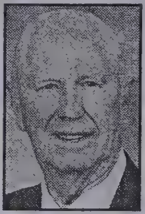
Robert Nelson

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Lowry "Bob" Nelson, 84, of Kendallville died Thursday, October 15, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Bob was born July 26, 1925, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to Herman and Winifred (Lowry) Nelson. He was the first of two children. He was baptized and confirmed at First English Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.


Mr. Nelson

Bob was a WWII veteran and served as a naval aviator.

He was united in marriage to Maxine J. Johnson on September 14, 1947. Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1950 with a degree in mechanical engineering and was a certified professional engineer. Bob worked 32 years for Kraft Foods in several Midwestern states. He moved to Kendallville as engineering manager in 1969 and retired in 1988.

Bob was an active member of Trinity Church United Methodist and his civic involvement included Rotary, Lions, YMCA, American Legion and volunteering at the Northeastern Center.

His hobbies included photography, flying airplanes, sports, "fixing things" and helping others. Since retiring, Bob and Maxine have traveled extensively and lived in Florida during the winter months.

Bob is survived by his wife, Maxine; one son, Bradford (Suzanne) of Norcross, Ga.; three daughters, Joanne Nelson of San Diego, Calif., Teresa Englund (Glenn) of Colorado Springs, Colo., Brenda Whan (Jay) of Carmel, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister Barbara Folwarkow (Richard) of Cool, Calif; nephews, Scott Folwarkow, Scott Johnson and Philip Johnson; and nieces, Su Laine and Christine Boyd.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., in Kendallville from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

The Rev. Scott Pattison will conduct the services at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, at Hite Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Trevor Whan, Randy Whan, Perry Whan, Andy Nelson, Scott Folwarkow, Jay Whan, Glenn Englund and Sam Stuckey. Honorary pallbearers will be Dave Kile, Deke Emerick, Tom Miller, Don Lauer, Ken Stark, Ben Earley, Dairl Acres, Ted Butler and Dick Folwarkow.

The family requests any memorials be given to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 728, Kendallville, IN 46755 or Trinity Church United Methodist, 229 S. State St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

O'Donna Uhl

ALBION — O'Donna L. Uhl, 95, lifetime Albion resident, passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at the Life Villages Center (formerly Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home) in Kendallville.

Services will be on Monday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville. The Rev. Phyllis Smoots will officiate.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel 771 Trailridge Road, Albion. An additional hour of visitation will be held on Monday one hour prior to services at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations be made to the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church or the Sweet Community Center Church.

Geneva Buckmaster

ANGOLA — Geneva Ann Buckmaster, 79, of Angola died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Mary Hoeffel

GARRETT — Mary C. Hoeffel, 49, of Garrett died Thursday, Oct, 15, 2009, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition

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John Scott Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — John E. Scott Sr., 61, of LaGrange died unexpectedly Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, at 4:03 p.m. in the emergency room of Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Scott worked at Hostetler Tire in LaGrange.

He was a member of the Sturgis Baptist Church in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1968 to 1980.

He was born June 27, 1948, in Kendallville to Eldon and Anna (Rice) Scott.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John E. Scott Jr. and Kari Scott of New Haven; a daughter and son-law, Reynold and Donna R. Yordy of Thompsons Station, Tenn.; four grandchildren; one brother and a sister-in-law, Robert and Elizabeth Scott of Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth Ann and Larry Ulrey of Fort Wayne; Cecilia and Philip Schmit of Fort Wayne and Margaret and Allen Godsell of Kendallville; and the mother of his children, Linda Stauffer of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Eldon Scott Jr., Tom Scott and Paul Scott; and a sister, Patricia Sweet.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Paul Delmark of the Sturgis Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Indiana Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Michael Lewis

FORT WAYNE — Michael T. Lewis, 43, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. LaGrange American Legion Post 215 will conduct a Military Color Guard Service at the funeral home.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 p.m. until the service time at the funeral home.

Following the service there will be a gathering with a meal at LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Memorials may be made to Disabled Veterans.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Clifford Sommers

WATERLOO — Clifford C. Sommers, 76, of Waterloo died Thursday, October 15, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Sommers

He was born April 23, 1933, in Beaverdam, Ohio, to Paul H. and Frances (Marshall) Sommers. They have both passed away.

Mr. Sommers worked for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 22 years, then for DeKalb High School as head custodian for 12 years before retiring in 1996.

He was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, serving on the front line during the Korean War.

Mr. Sommers attended the Waterloo United Methodist Church and was a member of the Waterloo VFW.

He loved people, reading, traveling, the outdoors, hunting, fishing and just enjoyed God's nature.

He married Nancy Daugherty on July 2, 1955, and she survives.

He is also survived by three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jonathan C. Sommers of Derby, Kan., Scott A. and Robin Sommers of New Lenox, Ill., and Todd M. Sommers of Auburn; one granddaughter, Jamie L. Sommers of Carbondale, Ill.; two stepgrandchildren, Shawn (Brandi) Rutter and Sarah (Aaron) Brandon; three great-grandchildren, Bayliegh A. Rutter, Timmery Rutter and Ashlynn Brandon; a sister and brother-in-law, Dolores "Kay" and James Cox of Fairborn, Ohio; and two brothers and a sister in law; Ronald E. and Judy Sommers of Auburn and Paul K. Sommers of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Christopher C. Sommers; and two sisters, Bette Trisel and Patricia Zizelman.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 19, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN. The Rev. Rex Charles and the Rev. David Mathews will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

The family asks that preferred memorials be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Kenneth Hawkins

GARRETT — Kenneth T. Hawkins, 88, of Garrett, died on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009.

Thomas Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

George Pepple

AUBURN — George Alton Pepple, 80, of Auburn died Friday, Oct, 16, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Pepple

He was born Dec. 1, 1928, in Garrett to Chester and Sylvia (Bosler) Pepple. They have both passed away.

Mr. Pepple was an independent owner-operator over the road truck driver. He retired in 1991.

He was a U.S. Army veteran stationed in Germany during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Teamster's Union, Local 142, the Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He married Phyllis Joyce Black on June 30, 1956, in the Sparta Church in Kimmell. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, Tom Pepple of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Mike Bishop of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Rochelle Bishop and Drew Bishop, both of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother, Ethel Smith, Martha Golden, Lois Pepple, Hilda Bailey and Kenny Pepple.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at Waterloo United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Mathews will officiate. Burial will be in Fair View Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Preferred memorials can be directed to the family.

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Mary Hoeffel

GARRETT — Mary C. Hoeffel, 49, of Garrett died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Miss Hoeffel

She was born Dec. 15, 1959, in Auburn.

She was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and a member of the 3rd Order of Saint Francis.

She had worked at Foundations of Noble County.

Surviving are her parents, Harris and Ann Hoeffel of Auburn; three brothers, Matt Hoeffel of Auburn, Nate Hoeffel of Fort Wayne and Chris Hoeffel of Garrett; and three sisters, Cande Bishop of Garrett, Holly Custer of Garrett and Deb Saylor of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harris H. "Punk" Hoeffel Jr. on Sept. 23, 2009.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W. Houston St, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Pinnington McComb Funeral & Cremation Services. 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

To sign the guest book or leave an online condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Neil Kreger

CHURUBUSCO — Neil F. Kreger, 73, of Churubusco died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, at his home.

He had spent his formative years in Huntertown and lived near Albion from 1973 until moving to Churubusco 10 years ago.

Mr. Kreger had been engaged in farming in Noble County, and retired as a truck driver for Elway Trucking in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Teamster's Union and was also a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and the Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Kreger was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 25, 1935, a son of Kenneth W. and Hazel E. (Peek) Kreger.

Surviving are his children, Deb (Michael) Kumfer of Fort Wayne, Eva (Joseph) Baysinger of Kimmell, Sharon Kreger and William (Peggy) Kreger, both of Churubusco, Brian (Janet) Kreger of Albion and Dena Kreger of Syracuse; a brother Jerry (Joyce) Kreger of Pierceton; a sister, Sonia (Norm) Meyer of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rita Kreger.

There will be no services or calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave a condolence for the family go to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Enos Miller

TOPEKA — Enos R. Miller, 70, of Topeka died unexpectedly Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be held on Monday at the Edwin Bontrager residence, 7335 S. C.R. 300W, Topeka at 9:30 a.m. with Bishop Elroy O. Miller and Rev. Daniel Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Clearspring Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. and all day Sunday at the Stanley Miller residence, 7245 S. C.R. 300W, Topeka. Arrangements are being handled by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

Beverly Moreland

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly Moreland, 85, of Kendallville, died Friday at 2:15 p.m. at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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O'Donna Uhl

ALBION — O'Donna L. Uhl, 95, lifetime Albion resident passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages (formerly Shepherd of the Hill nursing home) in Kendallville.

Mrs. Uhl was born August 16, 1914, in Noble County to the late Walter L. and Beula M. (Gard) Bauman. On April 20, 1935, at the St. John Lutheran Church she married the late Lester L. Uhl. He passed away on December 12, 1991.

Mrs. Uhl, prior to marrying, worked at the McCray Mansion as a housekeeper. Once she was married, she became a farm wife, tending to the chickens, milking and other duties around the farm.

In her spare time she enjoyed knitting, crocheting and gardening.

She was also a longtime member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Delbert and Patricia Uhl and Oakley Uhl, all of Albion; a daughter, Diana Kreger of Albion; seven grandchildren, Brian and Janet Kreger, Kelly Uhl, Joey and Andrea Uhl, Devona and Greg Franks, Denette and Scott Gerber and Dena Kreger; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three brothers, Alfred, Carl and Robert Bauman; and two sisters, Beatrice Truelove and Esther Bauman.

Funeral services will be Monday, October 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville. The Rev. Phyllis Smoots will officiate. Burial will follow at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Visitation will be on Sunday, October 18, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion. An additional hour of visitation will be held on Monday one hour prior to services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial donations be made to the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church or the Sweet Community Center Church.

Geneva Buckmaster

ANGOLA — Geneva Ann Buckmaster, 79, God took her to her heavenly home on Wednesday evening at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1929, in Welman, Iowa, to the late John and Ruth (Schwartzendruber) Schrock. She married Merald "Pete" Buckmaster on June 24, 1952, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Scott Meyers of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Deb Buckmaster of Glendale, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Nik and Nathan Kolmeier, Jennifer Bowers and Ryan Buckmaster; a sister, Catherine Murphy; two nieces, Karen Huth, Kathie Schoenle; and a sister-in-law, Laura Reynolds.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Bernice Skinner and Isabelle Comer.

Geneva worked in the accounting department for General Electric and also as a teacher's aide for Fort Wayne Community Schools and Medford (Ore.) Schools. She was a past member of Cameron Hospital Auxiliary and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

A memorial service will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church (1300 N. Williams Street), Angola. Friends and family may gather one hour prior to the service for visitation. Pastor Donald Meyers will officiate. Interment at Concordia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to Calvary Lutheran Church — 8211; 1300 N. Williams Street, Angola, IN 46703 or the Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice — 8211; 416 E. Maumee Street, Angola, IN 46703.

Arrangements being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, IN.

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Ex-chief helped start fire department

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AUBURN — Louis "Shorty" Timmerman loved his family, enjoyed work and spent time working at his church, but one of his life's devotions was the Jackson Township Fire Department.

"We kidded, they could put a bed over there and he could stay," said his wife, Gertrude.

Timmerman died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at the age of 78.

Timmerman was a volunteer firefighter at Jackson Township and served as the fire chief for over 20 years, Gertrude said.

"The reason why the fire department started out here was because Auburn wanted too much money to cover the township," she said. "He went over and helped. They started at a hangar at the airport, and then they got money and they built the building down the road."

Gertrude said her husband didn't have any firefighting experience, but he was interested in helping out. The fire department was one of his biggest hobbies, she said.

Mr. Timmerman

The Timmermans were married for over 57 years — they would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary less than a month after Louis' death.

He was a hard worker throughout their years together, she said. He was in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954, serving at Fort Lee, Va., and worked for the Partee Co. in Spencerville and Foamex in Auburn. He also spent some time farming, and was a 4-H leader.

"He mostly worked, and we went to church," she said. "I stayed home with the kids."

The couple have three sons, Lynn, Lyle and Lee, and one daughter, Linda, as well as nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

"He went to ballgames and stuff. He was active with the kids," Gertrude said. "He loved his children, his grandkids and his great-grandkids."

Louis Timmerman also was a trustee at Indian Village Church of God, and spent a lot of time helping to build the church. After he retired, he also helped build Griswold Apartments, doing odd jobs to fill his time and keep active.

Mostly, Gertrude Timmermann remembers her husband as a nice, pleasant person.

"He was kind of quiet. He really didn't say too much," she said. "He just took life easy. He was very easygoing."

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Rex McHarry

AVILLA — Rex E. McHarry, 87, of Avilla and formerly of Anderson died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. McHarry retired as a department manager at Sears & Roebuck where he was employed for over 26 years.

He served in the Navy during the World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was member of the American Legion Post 240 of Avilla. He also volunteered his time at the VA Hospital and for the DeKalb County Hospice.

He was born July 3, 1922, in Anderson to George and Blanch (Hunt) McHarry. They both preceded him in death.

He married Mardell King on Sept. 21, 1942, and she died on Sept. 19, 1982. He then Married Edith Ray on July 4, 1988, and she died on Aug. 15, 1996.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Kieth Siples of Avilla; three grandchildren, Brandon Smith, Ryan Smith and Jacob Mathley; and six great-grandchildren, Alexandra Mathley, Khristopher Mathley, Lynnsey Zimmerman, Emma Smith, Adam Smith, and Joshua Mathley.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert McHarry.

There will be no calling or services at this time. A private family memorial service will be held at Vinson Memorial Park in Summitville, Ind., at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Habitat for Humanity.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Gladys Wilcoxson

AUBURN — Gladys L. "Bunny" Wilcoxson, 99, of Auburn died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Wilcoxson retired from Messenger Corporation in 1980 where she had worked as a bookkeeper for 48 years. She was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church in rural Auburn.

She was born Aug. 10, 1910, in DeKalb County to Michael and Alice (Carnahan) Shoudel. They preceded her in death.

She married Carl W. Wilcoxson on July 7, 1940, and he preceded her in death on March 6, 1984.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gail Wilcoxson of Auburn and Wayne and Audra Wilcoxson of Auburn; and one sister, Ruby Yoder of Huntertown.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ora Shoudel and Roy Shoudel, and three sisters, Neva Boyce, Lela Schwartz, and Bertha Shoudel.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Beverly Moreland

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly J. Moreland, 87, of Kendallville, passed away on Oct. 16, 2009 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Beverly, the daughter of Frank H. and Hazel D. Peters, was born on Sept. 27, 1922 in Kendallville. She married Merle R. "Rusty" Moreland on Nov. 23, 1940 in Kendallville.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Rusty on Aug. 31, 1990 and their infant son Ronald.

Mrs. Moreland was a member of the First Christian Church, founding member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority, and a member of the V.F.W. Post 2749, Ladies Auxiliary, all in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and worked part-time in the past in the catalog department at JC Penney on Main Street in Kendallville.

Beverly is survived by three daughters, Diana Nichols of Kendallville, Brenda Moreland of Kendallville, Sally (Ron) Blake of Van Wert, Ohio; one son, Jeff (Laura) Moreland of Kendallville; grandchildren, Wendy (Wayne) Wappes, Kelly (Robbie) Craft, Judy Spencer, Sherry Nichols and her companion Mary Eich, Angela (Kraig) Keirn, Jason Etzler, Sarah (Ryan) Burtch and Brian Moreland; and great-grandchildren, Megan, Brittney and Paden Wappes, Kristin, Karrie and Adam Craft, Lacey and Mathew Spencer, Gavin and Madelyn Burtch, Dominick Nichols-Eich, Zachary Mullins and Montanna Keirn.

Calling will be on Monday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The funeral will also be Monday at 1 p.m. with burial to follow at Lake View Cemetery. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Tom Clothier and Pastor Bob Farmer. Casketbearers will be Brian Moreland, Jason Etzler, Mathew Spencer, Robbie Craft, Ron Blake and Ryan Burtch.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Jerold Bauer

ANGOLA — Jerold W. Bauer, 79, of Angola, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Hammond.

Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p. m. at the funeral home.

Kenneth Hawkins

GARRETT — The Rev. Kenneth T. Hawkins, 88, of Garrett, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with the U.S. Army presenting military honors. Condolences may be left and an online register book signed at thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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Elizabeth Walker

SOUTH MILFORD — Elizabeth Walker, 78, of South Milford died on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Walker

Mrs. Walker was born in Kite, Ky., on April 5, 1931, to the late Cecil and Linda (Caudill) Thornsbury. She married Clifford Walker on Jan. 17, 1956, in Prestonsburg, Ky.

Elizabeth loved gardening, time with her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed crocheting, being outside, and listening to bluegrass and country music.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford "Shorty" Walker of South Milford; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Roger Vinson of Kendallville and Linda and Jim Loucks of Ashley; five granddaughters, Jennifer Prisock of Howe, Jamime Hayward of Lake of the Woods, Jessica Flynn of Yorktown and Amanda and Laura Vinson of Kendallville; seven great-grandchildren; and six sisters, Rose Isaac of Kendallville, Nancy Walker of LaOtto, Myra Slate of Freedonia, N.Y., Anne Doner of Silver Creek, N.Y., Irene Isaac of Michigan and Marlene Burchett of Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, David Vinson in 1998; a brother, Hager Thornsbury; and sisters Oma Johnson, Claranda Bailey and Arizona Isaac.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, from noon to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to the family.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Christine Heedick

SYRACUSE — Christine "Chris" Heedick, 85, of Syracuse died on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with the Rev. Harold Heaton of the Bible Baptist Church in Ligonier officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery in North Webster. Visitation will be two hours prior to services from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial are to the Bible Baptist Church (roof fund), 204 W. 6th St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

To send condolences to the family, go to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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In Loving Memory
of Jennifer Hernandez

Beloved daughter & Kyrie's
mommy. It's been 18 years
since you left us.
If tears could build a stairway
And memories a lane,
We'd walk right up to heaven
And bring you home again.
We all miss & love you
so very much.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Kyrie, Joe & Family

Jerold Bauer

ANGOLA — Jerold W. Bauer, 79 of Angola died Oct. 17, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

He was born Nov. 6, 1929, in Hammond to George and Hannah (Wright) Bauer. He married the former Patricia Easter, who survives.

He was a fireman for the city of Hammond, retiring in 1972. He attended Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, and was a member of the Christ Community Evangelical Free Church of Hobart, a 32-Degree Mason, an ex-member of the Orak Shrine Temple and a member of the Indiana State Fireman's Association.

Survivors are his wife, Patricia Bauer of Angola; three sons and two daughters-in-law, George W. and Ann Bauer of LaPorte, Russell Wright Bauer of Crown Point and Jerold Nickolas and Beth Bauer of Indianapolis; a stepson and his wife, William and Val Prange of Arlington, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and John Somers of Angola and Beth and Rob Dawidiuk of Naperville, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Barbara Pennington of Cedar Lake and Amy Rodrik and her husband, Peter Rodrik, of Alamo, Calif,; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Lisa Bauer; a wife, Lois Bauer; a brother, Lt. George Bauer; and two grandsons, Matthew and Michael Somers

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Officiating will be Pastor Scott Saltzman. Visitation will be for two hours before the service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

A committal Masonic service will be at 11 a.m. Central Daylight Time/ noon Eastern Daylight Time Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Schererville, with visitation from 10:30-11 a.m. CDT/11:30 to noon EDT before the service at the cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 20, 2009, Tuesday

Sarah Grismore

SCOTT, Ind. — Sarah Eileen Grismore, age 83, of Scott, Indiana, passed away early Saturday afternoon October 17, 2009, at the home of her daughter in Kendallville, Indiana.

She was born October 8, 1926, a daughter to the late John and Jessie (Wisler Huff) Shimp in Scott, Indiana. She graduated from Scott High School with the class of 1944.

Named after her paternal grandmother, she was known to friends and family of her youth as "Toots" and went by her middle name, Eileen, with friends met as an adult.

Following high school she attended and graduated from Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

On June 6, 1947, she married Robert P. Grismore in Logansport, Indiana. He preceded her in death on February 10, 2000.

A woman of creative talents, she enjoyed various projects and, much to her family's appreciation, found satisfaction in discovering new recipes for salads and desserts. She was also an avid reader and regular client of the LaGrange County Bookmobile. She maintained an active lifestyle until this summer when she admitted to "some stomach discomfort" that was diagnosed as advanced pancreatic cancer on October 9, 2009. She received the diagnosis with her characteristic dignity; her primary concern was that she not be a burden to anyone.

She is survived her daughter, Jody (Ronald) Vance of Kendallville, Indiana; two grandsons, Robert (Alison) Vance of Kendallville, Indiana, and Quentin (Christina) Vance of Spring Texas; three great-grandchildren, Cameron, Colin and Summer Vance; her beloved niece, Ruby (Robert) Haines of California; and several nieces and nephews from her late husband's family of the Covington, Indiana, area.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half sister, Lucile Boehmer; a half brother, Stanley Huff; and two nephews, Fred Boehmer and Orval Lee Huff.

Friends and relatives may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hackman Family Funeral Homes, Hackman Chapel, 114 S. Nottawa St., in Sturgis, Mich.

Private graveside services and burial will take place at Oak Lawn cemetery in Sturgis.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be directed to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 1835 Ida Red Road, Kendallville, IN 46755. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Linnet Cole

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Linnet Hartman Cole, 65, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, at 1:15 a.m. at Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Cole

She was born Aug. 30, 1944, to the late Ernest and Dessie (Durst) Greenfield.

She is survived by her husband, Phil Cole; five children, Linda Burcham of Las Vegas, Shelly Littlefeather of Tejunga, Calif., M. Sgt. Shane Smith stationed with the U.S. Air Force at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, Lisa Corona of Las Vegas and Nick Corona of San Diego, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and three sisters, Donna Ort of Angola and Ann Butler and Charlotte Igney, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Faye Ann Greenfield, and an infant daughter, Lynn McCollough.

There will be a private memorial service at a later date.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 20, 2009, Tuesday

Doris Bailey

COLUMBIA CITY — Doris G. Bailey, 82, a former resident of Churubusco and of Bear Lake, died at 3:50 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

There will be no calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Cornelius Hart

LAGRANGE — Cornelius C. "Neil" Hart, 72, of LaGrange died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Sixth Street Christian Church in Middletown, Ind., with Rev. Maynard Powell officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Middletown.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Calling will also be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Friday at the church in Middletown.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, LaGrange County Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, or American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Roy Haugh

LAPEER, Mich. — Roy Richard Haugh, 59, of Clio, Mich., died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009.

Surviving are his parents, John and Laura (Root) Haugh of Swartz Creek, Mich.; his siblings and their spouses, Susan and James Greer of Flint, Mich., Martin and Cindy Haugh of Byron, Mich., and Carrie and Ronald Parker of Pleasant Lake, Ind.; several nieces and nephews; and friends at Wilson Road Home.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials are to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507.

Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Ogilbee Jr.

AVILLA — Harold Albert "Zeke" Ogilbee Jr., 66, of Avilla died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Patricia Bogel

FORT WAYNE — Patricia J. Bogel, 75, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, October 18, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bogel was born July 18, 1934, in Kendallville to Benjamin and Opal Ramsey.

She had been a professional secretary with Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne for more than 20 years, retiring in 1993.

Mrs. Bogel

She also was a church secretary with First Wayne Street United Methodist for 12 years and Good Shepherd United Methodist for two and a half years.

Mrs. Bogel was a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist and a former member of Professional Secretaries International and A.C. Genealogical Society.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn Bogel; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Steven Frank of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Steven Bogel of Chico, Calif.; and a brother, Richard Ramsey of Chico, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne St,, with calling one hour prior to service. Pastor Greg Enstrom and Pastor Roy Eaton will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to First Wayne Street United Methodist Church's Music Program.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Jeanette Stringfellow

KENDALLVILLE — Jeanette Elmo Stringfellow, 97, of Kendallville died on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at 5:35 p.m. at the Northridge Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

She was born May 16, 1912, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to the late Thaddus and Edith (Boughey) Graves. On Nov. 12, 1931, in Albion she married George Stringfellow who preceded her in death on May 24, 1990. Upon his death Jeanette moved to the Lamplighter in Kendallville.

Mrs. Stringfellow lived in Noble County most of her life except during the years of 1917 to 1921 when she lived with her family in Roundup, Montana, until her father's death. The family then returned to the Albion area.

Mrs. Stringfellow was employed at the V&A Restaurant and McCray Memorial Hospital for many years, then retired from Lyall Electric in 1977.

Prior to her husband's death, they spent winters in Brooksville, Florida.

Mrs. Stringfellow was a longtime active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and Martha Circle and Rebekah Lodge of Albion.

She is survived by three daughters, Edith and Charles Wentworth and Sue and Rick Deter, all of Albion, and Beth Lawrence of Fort Wayne; her grandchildren, Brad Wentworth, Belita Terry, Stephanie Lawrence, Brice Lawrence, Jeremey Deter and Chad Deter; her stepgreat-grandchildren, Austin Teel, Mallory Teel and Aaron Slone; her great-grandchildren, Brandy Miller, Braden Wentworth, Shawanda Lawrence, LaTia Lawrence, Satarah Lawrence, Isaiah Lawrence, Amanda Lawrence, Jesse Lawrence, Zane Deter, Avery Deter and Jerrick Deter; and her great-great-grandchildren, Andrew Miller, Nicholas Miller, Avery Deter, Jerrick Deter, Lilly Wentworth, Naayele Ackon and Raiden Ackon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Stringfellow will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of the church will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Visitation will also be on Wednesday at the church one hour prior to the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. Envelopes will be available at the church.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

To view the obituary on line or to sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Eugene Bruns

PAYNE, Ohio — Eugene W. Bruns, 84, of Payne died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bruns was born in Woodburn, Ind., on Aug. 9, 1925, to Katie (Helmke) and William Bruns.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard, worked in maintenance at GM Powertrain, Defiance, and was a member of the Van Wert American Legion post and Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County.

On Oct. 25, 1947, he married Alice Peck, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Theresa and Joe Lehman of Haviland, Ohio, and Mary and Fritz Cooper of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Karen Bruns of New Haven; a sister, Edna Bruns of Haviland, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Gary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish in Payne, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with the rosary recited at 8 p.m., and Thursday from 9-9:30 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 S.R. 500, Payne.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

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Darlene Miller

ST. JOE — Darlene Mary (Wisler) Miller, 69, was called Home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 18, 2009. She passed peacefully, at the home she was born in, after several years of battling renal cancer.

Mrs. Miller

Born on June 4, 1940, she was the daughter of Margarette (Hamilton) Wisler and the late Cecil G. "Cee" Wisler. She grew up in St. Joe and attended Riverdale High School, graduating in 1958. She than graduated from Warner Beauty College in 1960 and was the owner/operator of Darlene's Beauty Shop.

On January 6, 1962, she married Robert N. Miller of Leo.

She loved garage sales, gathering clothing for missions and she also volunteered at Cross Border Partners in Fort Wayne, Ind. Parkview Hospital was privileged to have her as a volunteer in the ICU unit for several years.

She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of Christ.

Surviving are her mother, Margarette H. Wisler of St. Joe; her husband of 47 years, Robert N. Miller; five daughters, Kristina (Roy) Galvin of Leo, Tammy (Jesse) Chagoya of St. Joe, Diane (Kenneth) Jacquay of Auburn, Carolyn (David) Retz of St. Joe and Janette (Jason) Roth of El Paso, Texas; her siblings,Neil Wisler of Spencerville, Tonda Miller of St. Joe and Cindy (Robert) Jarrett of St. Joe; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her father, Cecil G. Wisler; two granddaughters, Shawn Terran Galvin and Vash Lorraine Retz; a grandson, Aries Christian Jacquay; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Wisler; and a brother-in-law, James E. Miller.

Calling will be held on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Services will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. with calling 1 hour prior at Cedar Creek Church of Christ. Pastor Greg Krafft will officiate.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Memorials may be given to Cross Border Partners, 4611 Newaygo Road, Suite A, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Loren Weinberg

BRONSON, Mich. — Loren W. Weinberg, 83, of Bronson, Mich., died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at the Laurels of Coldwater.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, Mich., with internment of ashes at 2 p.m. Saturday at East Gilead Cemetery, Gilead Township.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral in Bronson and Thursday prior to services beginning at 10 a.m.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

To sign the guestbook go online to www.dutcherfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Cornelius Hart

LAGRANGE — Cornelius C. "Neil" Hart, 72, of LaGrange died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Hart

Mr. Hart moved to LaGrange in 1998 from Petersburg, Va.

He retired from Hercules Co. in Hopewell, Va., as a chemist and had also worked at ITT in Fort Wayne and for Philo T. Farnsworth in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Hart was born June 24, 1937, in Anderson to Robert and Cornelia (Brown) Leap. He married Joyce Fifer on June 15, 1956. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Carrie and Robert Johnson of Kendallville, Pamela Lackey of Petersburg, Va., and Tamela Hart of Pueblo, Colo.; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Cornelius "Rusty" and Julie Hart of Salt Lake City, Utah, Jerry Hart of Angola, Ind., and Robert and Chrissy Hart and David and Becky Hart, all of Petersburg, Va; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Diane Jernegan and Julie Hart.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Sixth Street Christian Church in Middletown, Ind., with the Rev. Maynard Powell officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Middletown.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Calling will also be held from 12:30 p.m. until the 2 p.m. service time on Friday at the church in Middletown.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, LaGrange County Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Suffridge

LAGRANGE — Barbara S. Suffridge, 69, of LaGrange died Monday, October 19, 2009, at 10:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Ms. Suffridge

Ms. Suffridge retired as a graphics artist from Litho Graphics in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She moved to LaGrange in October 2003, to be closer to her family.

She attended the Wolcottville Church of God.

She was a member of the Graphic Communication International Union, and enjoyed needle point, crocheting, and reading.

She was born May 7, 1940, in Perry County, Kentucky, to Curtis L. & Lillian L. (Kendrick) Suffridge.

Surviving are a daughter, Peggie Chagoya of LaGrange; a son, Kevin Lazzaro of Ohio; a granddaughter, Amanda L. Fischer of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Joe Dunn of California; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gene and Leah Suffridge of Rome City, Kenneth Suffridge of California and Gary and Nichole Suffridge of Dry Ridge, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Danny Suffridge.

Funeral services will be Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Gene Suffridge officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be today, Wednesday, October 21, 2009, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Daniel Tink

FREMONT — Daniel A. "Danny" Tink, 53, of Fremont died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, Ind.

Mr. Tink

Mr. Tink had worked for Indiana Wire for 13 years and had also worked in the family upholstery shop.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed racing at Angola Motor Speedway and Butler Speedway and helping plant trees at the Ray-Covenanter Cemetery.

Mr. Tink was born Dec. 29, 1955, in Michigan to Daniel Tink and Naomi Robinson. His mother is deceased and his father survives in Mason, Mich.

Also surviving are his wife, Connie Lee (Davis) Tink of Fremont, Ind.; six daughters, Stephanie Ann Tink of Elkhart, Ind., Danielle Rose Fletcher of Ashley, Ind.; Dezarai Elaine Tarlton of Tennessee, Sabrina Lee Tink of Fremont, Ind., Sandra Kay Lee of Fremont, Ind., and Rachael Marie Tink of Fremont, Ind.; three sons, Joseph O. Tink of Elkhart, Ind., Brandon A. Tink Jones of Michigan, and Allen L. Tink of Fremont, Ind.; four grandchildren, Trevor, Alysia, Hunter and Taven; a brother-in-law and his wife, Lonnie and Lori Davis of Fremont, Ind.; three brothers, Rocky Tink, Wade Robinson and Charlie Tink; two sisters, Cindy Shaw and Gwen Ann Simms; and his best friends, Eugene Foulk, Steve Gulnick, Jimmy Musser, Rick Harr and Carl Holgren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Dustin Robert Tink on Nov. 10, 2002, and a daughter, Patricia Ann Tink on April 3, 2007.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be on Ray-Covenanter Cemetery in Fremont.

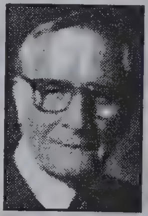
Calling will be from 5-8 p.m Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Loren Weinberg

BRONSON, Mich. — Loren W. Weinberg, 83, of Bronson died Monday, October 19, 2009, at Laurels of Coldwater.


Mr. Weinberg

Mr. Weinberg had owned and operated the Orland Lounge for many years, retiring in 1985.

Loren was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and traveling.

He was also an avid sports fan and especially backed the Detroit Tigers.

Mr. Weinberg was a Legionnaire with the Orland American Legion Post 423, where he served as vice commander.

He was born March 21, 1926, in Matteson Township, Michigan, to Winfield and Ifa Jean (Knox) Weinberg. He married Phyllis (Mudrack) Williams on December 10, 1966, in Fort Wayne, Ind. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are his sons, Wynn (Debbie) Weinberg of Bronson, Robert Williams of Angola, Ind., and Rick (Sandy) Williams of Bronson; his daughters, Susan (Jerry) Jacene of Cookville, Tenn., Cathy (Phillip) Brown of Gainsboro, Tenn., Rebecca (Jim) Dohr of Tampa, Fla., Roxanne Hicks of Coldwater and Rhonda (Dan) Fuller of Auburn; a sister, Joy Wagner of Colon; 28 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers; five sisters; his son, Randall Williams in 2008; and a son-in-law, Terry Hicks.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 22, 2009, at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with Pastor Paul Woods officiating. Interment of ashes will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at East Gilead Cemetery in Gilead Township.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dutcherfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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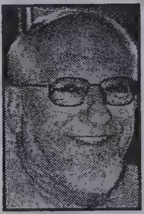
Harold Ogilbee Jr.

AVILLA — Harold Albert "Zeke" Ogilbee Jr., age 66, of Avilla died on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.


Mr. Ogilbee

Mr. Ogilbee was born in Newark, Ohio, on June 9, 1943, to the late Harold Albert and Gladys (Cooperrider) Ogilbee Sr. As a young man growing up in Newark, he was proud to have attained the status of Eagle Scout.

He graduated from Newark High School in 1961 and from Indiana Wesleyan University, at age 50, with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Specialist Fifth Class Ogilbee served his country during the Vietnam era in the 737th Maintenance Battalion of the Army National Guard of Ohio and the Army Reserves.

He married Shirley Mae Moore on August 30, 2001, in Paris, Kentucky.

Zeke came to Indiana in 1986 from Newark, Ohio, and was employed with Walker Manufacturing in Ligonier as a general foreman. He retired early in 1993 from Walker and went on to work at Taylor Made in Payne, Ohio, for three years.

Zeke and Shirley loved to go to the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

He was on the reserves for the Kendallville Police Department for a number of years and was a first responder with the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department in Wolcottville.

Zeke was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and a Cleveland Indians fan.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Moore Ogilbee of Avilla; a son, Tom and Rowenna Ogilbee of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters, Amy McClure and her companion, Doug Fry, of Frazeysburg, Ohio, and Ann and Shaun Boyd of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Wendy Fry of Garrett; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three brothers, James and Nancy Ogilbee of Newark, Ohio, Steven and Mindy Ogilbee of Ridgeway, Virginia, and Michael and Linda Ogilbee of Sarasota, Florida.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2009, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, October 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Officiating the Mass will be Friar Mark Weaver.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Doris Bailey

CHURUBUSCO — Doris G. Bailey, 82, of Columbia City and formerly of Churubusco and Bear Lake died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

There is no calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Bobbie Butler

CHURUBUSCO — Bobbie Jean Butler, 82, of Churubusco died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery near Huntertown.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to wwwsheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 21, 2009, Wednesday

O'Donna L. Uhl, 95

ALBION – O'Donna L. Uhl, 95, lifetime Albion resident passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at the Life Villages Center (formerly Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home) in Kendallville.

Mrs. Uhl was born August 16, 1914 in Noble County to the late Walter L. and Beula M. (Gard) Bauman. On April 20, 1935 at the Saint John's Lutheran Church she married the late Lester L. Uhl, he passed away on December 12, 1991.

Mrs. Uhl prior to marrying worked at the McCray Mansion as a housekeeper; once she was married she became a farmwife, tending to the chickens, milking and other duties around the farm. In her spare time she enjoyed knitting, crocheting and gardening.

She was also a long time member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law; Delbert (Patricia) Uhl and Oakley Uhl all of Albion; one daughter, Diana Kreger of Albion; six grandchildren, Brian (Janet) Kreger, Kelly Uhl, Joey and Andrea Uhl, Devonna and Greg Franks and Denette and Scott Gerber; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was proceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers, Alfred, Carl and Robert Bauman; two sisters, Beatrice Truelove and Esther Bauman.

Funeral Services were at the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville. The Rev. Phyllis Smoots officiated.

Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church or the Sweet Community Center Church.

Neil F. Kreger, 73

CHURUBUSO – Neil F. Kreger, 73, a resident of Churubusco, died on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at his home. Although he had been in failing health, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Kreger was born in Fort Wayne on November 25, 1935, a son of Kenneth W. and Hazel E. (Peek) Kreger, and spent his formative years in Huntertown. As a young man he served in the U. S. Army, and lived near Albion from 1973 until moving to Churubusco ten years ago.

He had been engaged in farming in Noble County, and retired as a truck driver for Elway Trucking in Fort Wayne.

A member of the Teamster's Union, he was also a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and the Albion Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The surviving relatives include his children Deb (Michael) Kumfer of Fort Wayne, Eva (Joseph) Baysinger of Kimmell, Sharon Kreger and William (Peggy) Kreger, both of Churubusco, Brian (Janet) Kreger of Albion, and Dena Kreger of Syracuse; his brother Jerry (Joyce) Kreger of Pierceton; and a sister Sonia (Norm) Meyer of Fort Wayne; fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Rita Kreger.

At the request of Mr. Kreger, there will be no services or calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Kreger's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Rex E. McHarry, 87

AVILLA – Rex E. McHarry, 87, of Avilla and formerly of Anderson died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. McHarry retired as a department manager at Sears & Roebuck where he was employed for over 26 years.

He served in the Navy during the World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion Post 240 of Avilla. He also volunteered his time at the VA Hospital and for the DeKalb County Hospice.

He was born July 3, 1922, in Anderson to George and Blanch (Hunt) McHarry. They both preceded him in death.

He married Mardell King on Sept. 21, 1942, and she died on Sept. 19, 1982. He then Married Edith Ray on July 4, 1988, and she died on Aug. 15, 1996.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Lynn (Kieth) Siples of Avilla; three grandchildren, Brandon Smith, Ryan Smith and Jacob Mathley; and six great-grandchildren, Alexandra Mathley, Khristopher Mathley, Lynnsey Zimmerman, Emma Smith, Adam Smith, and Joshua Mathley.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert McHarry.

There will be no calling or services at this time. A private family memorial service will be held at Vinson Memorial Park in Summitville, Ind., at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Habitat for Humanity.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 21, 2009, Wednesday

Beverly J. Moreland, 87

KENDALLVILLE – Beverly J. Moreland, age 87, of Kendallville, passed way on October 16, 2009 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Beverly, the daughter of Frank H. and Hazel D. Peters, was born on September 27, 1922 in Kendallville. She married Merle R. "Rusty" Moreland on November 23, 1940 in Kendallville.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Rusty on August 31, 1990 and their infant son Ronald.

Mrs. Moreland was a member of the First Christian Church, founding member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority, and a member of the V.F.W. Post #2749, Ladies Auxiliary all in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and worked part-time in the past in the catalog department at JC Penney on Main Street in Kendallville.

Beverly is survived by three daughters, Diana Nichols of Kendallville, Brenda Moreland of Kendallville, Sally (Ron) Blake of Van Wert, Ohio and one son, Jeff (Laura) Moreland of Kendallville; grandchildren, Wendy (Wayne) Wappes, Kelly (Robbie) Craft, Judy Spencer, Sherry Nichols and her companion Mary Eich, Angela (Kraig) Keirn, Jason Etzler, Sarah (Ryan) Burtch and Brian Moreland; great-grandchildren: Megan, Brittney and Paden Wappes, Kristin, Karrie and Adam Craft, Lacey and Mathew Spencer, Gavin and Madelyn Burtch, Dominick Nichols-Eich, Zachary Mullins and Montanna Keirn.

The funeral was Monday, October 19, with burial to follow at Lake View Cemetery. Officiating the funeral service were Pastor Tom Clothier and Pastor Bob Farmer. Casketbearers were Brian Moreland, Jason Etzler, Mathew Spencer, Robbie Craft, Ron Blake and Ryan Burtch.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Pearl E. Ellert, 85

AUBURN — Pearl E. "Peg" Ellert, age 85, of Auburn, IN died Monday, October 12, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

She was born October 2, 1924, in Garrett, IN to William and Velma (Miller) Geiser and they preceded her in death. She married Carl A. Ellert on April 19, 1947, in Auburn, Ind., and he survives in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and member of the DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She is survived by her husband, Carl A. Ellert of Auburn, Ind.; four daughters, Karen and Bruce LeVasseur, Evergreen, Colo., Toni Garvin of Fremont, Ind., Lisa Sproat of Garrett and Renee and Doug Harp of Kendallville; two sons, Larry and Valerie Ellert of Virginia and Mark Ellert of Fort Wayne, Ind.

She is also survived by her granddaughters, Jennifer Greenman of New Haven, Jamie Sproat of Avilla, Brittney Ellert of Tallahassee, Fla., Nikki LeVasseur of Evergreen, Colo., Abby Harp of Kendallville and Kristen Garvin of Fremont. Peg is survived by her grandsons, Joel Ellert of Fort Wayne, Brandon Ellert of Chicago, Andrew Harp of Kendallville, Dan Garvin of Fremont and Jared Sproat of Garrett; two great-grandchildren, Shayla Greenman of New Haven, Ind., and Braden Ellert of Fort Wayne. Peg is survived by two stepgrandchildren, Ryan Kish of Virginia and Marlo Kish of West Virginia, and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Luc Kish and Alexa Kish of Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Velma Geiser, and a brother, William Geiser Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn with Fr. Derrick Sneyd officiated. Burial will follow in Catholic Cemetery at Auburn, Ind.

Memorials are to Masses or the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast, IN (DSANI), P.O. Box 13611, Fort Wayne, IN 46865.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 21, 2009, Wednesday

Robert Lowry Nelson, 84

KENDALLVILLE – Robert Lowry Nelson (Bob) 84 of Kendallville died Thursday, October 15, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Bob was born July 26, 1925 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota to Herman and Winifred (Lowry) Nelson. He was the first of two children. He was baptized and confirmed at First English Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Bob was a WWII veteran and served as a Naval Aviator. He was united in marriage to Maxine J. Johnson on September 14, 1947. Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1950 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and was a certified Professional Engineer. Bob worked 32 years for Kraft Foods in several Midwestern states. He moved to Kendallville as Engineering Manager in 1969 and retired in 1988.

Bob was an active member of Trinity Church United Methodist and his civic involvement included Rotary, Lions, YMCA, American Legion and volunteering at the Northeastern Center. His hobbies included photography, flying airplanes, sports, "fixing things" and helping others. Since retiring, Bob and Maxine have traveled extensively and lived in Florida during the winter months..

Bob is survived by his wife Maxine, one son; Bradford (Suzanne), Norcross, GA, three daughters; Joanne Nelson, San Diego, CA, Teresa Englund (Glenn), Colorado Springs, CO, Brenda Whan (Jay), Carmel, IN; ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, sister Barbara Folwarkow (Richard), Cool, CA; nephews; Scott Folwarkow, Scott Johnson, and Philip Johnson and nieces Su Laine and Christine Boyd.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Reverend Scott Pattison conducted the services on Sunday, October 18th at Hite Funeral Home.

Interment followed at Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers were Trevor Whan, Randy Whan, Perry Whan, Andy Nelson, Scott Folwarkow, Jay Whan, Glenn Englund and Sam Stuckey. Honorary pallbearers were Dave Kile, Deke Emerick, Tom Miller, Don Lauer, Ken Stark, Ben Earley, Dairl Acres and Ted Butler.

The family requests any memorials be given to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 728, Kendallville, IN 46755 or Trinity Church United Methodist 229 South State Street, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Doris G. Bailey, 82

CHURUBUSCO – Doris G. Bailey, 82, a former resident of Churubusco and of Bear Lake, died at 3:50 p. m. on Monday, October 19, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. She had been a patient there for over six years.

Mrs. Bailey was born in Whitley County on November 18, 1926, a daughter of William Edward and Lucille A. (Tulley) Summers, and spent her formative years in Churubusco. As a young woman she lived near Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and was married there on March 1, 1959 to James T. Bailey.

He preceded her in death on November 6, 1977.

She lived at Bear Lake in Noble County for 20 years, and later returned to Churubusco where she lived until entering the nursing home.

She was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 157 in Churubusco.

The surviving relatives include her son, Frank (Linda) Demaree of Churubusco: three grandchildren Sally Davis and Frank Demaree, Jr., both of Churubusco, and Rhonda Walter of Columbia City; six great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son Danny Paul Wood on December 4, 1993; three sisters Irene Barker, Eva Marvel, and Ruby Guy; and by a brother Frank Summers.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p. m. on Friday, October 23, 2009, at the Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco, with Chaplain Larry Rice, Jr., officiating. Interment will follow.

At the request of the family, there will be no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Bailey's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 21, 2009, Wednesday

Harold Albert Ogilbee, 66

AVILLA – Harold Albert "Zeke" Ogilbee, JR., age 66, of Avilla, died on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ogilbee was born in Newark, Ohio on June 9, 1943 to the late Harold Albert and Gladys (Cooperrider) Ogilbee, Sr. As a young man growing up in Newark he was proud to have attained the status of Eagle Scout.

He graduated from Newark High School in 1961 and from Indiana Wesleyan University, when he was 50 years old, with a Bachelor's degree in business administration.

Specialist Fifth Class Ogilbee served his country during the Vietnam Era in the 737th Maintenance Battalion of the Army National Guard of Ohio and the Army Reserves.

He married Shirley Mae Moore on August 30, 2001 in Paris, Kentucky.

Zeke came to Indiana in 1986 from Newark, Ohio and was employed with Walker Manufacturing in Ligioner as a general foreman. He retired early in 1993 from Walker and went on to work at Taylor Made in Payne, Ohio for three years.

Zeke and Shirley loved to go to the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. He was on the reserves for the Kendallville Police Department for a number of years and was a first responder with the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department in Wolcottville.

Zeke was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and he was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and a Cleveland Indians fan.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Moore Ogilbee of Avilla; son, Tom (Rowenna) Ogilbee of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters, Amy McClure and her companion, Doug Fry of Frazeysburg, Ohio and Ann (Shaun) Boyd of LaGrange; a step-daughter, Wendy Fry of Garrett; six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, James (Nancy) Ogilbee of Newark, Ohio, Steven (Mindy) Ogilbee of Ridgeway, Virginia, and Michael (Linda) Ogilbee of Sarasota, Florida.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 22, 2009, from 5:00-8:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, October 23, 2009 at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Officiating the Mass will be Friar Mark Weaver.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Matthew L. Palmer

The family of Matthew L. Palmer would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, kind words, flowers and monetary donations during Matthew's illness and passing. Also thanks to all that brought food and gave to the memorials.

Thanks to Robin Urso and all the staff at North Ridge Village Nursing and rehab Center for making our final days easier. Thanks also to Pastor Bret Frymier for his comfort and the United Methodist Women for the lovely meal.

We can not begin to tell you what all your kindness has meant to our family.

Larry and Ruth Palmer
Doug and Teresa Palmer and boys
Alice Palmer & Dortha Irven

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 21, 2009, Wednesday

Jeanette Elmo Stringfellow, 97

KENDALLVILLE — Jeanette Elmo Stringfellow, 97, of Kendallville died on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at 5:35 p.m. at the Northridge Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

She was born May 16, 1912, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to the late Thaddus and Edith (Boughey) Graves. On Nov. 12, 1931, in Albion she married George Stringfellow who preceded her in death on May 24, 1990. Upon his death Jeanette moved to the Lamplighter in Kendallville.

Mrs. Stringfellow lived in Noble County most of her life except during the years of 1917 to 1921 when she lived with her family in Roundup, Montana, until her father's death.The family then returned to the Albion area.

Mrs. Stringfellow was employed at the V&A Restaurant and McCray Memorial Hospital for many years, then retired from Lyall Electric in 1977.

Prior to her husband's death, they spent winters in Brooksville, Florida.

Mrs. Stringfellow was a longtime active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and Martha Circle and Rebekah Lodge of Albion.

She is survived by three daughters, Edith (Charles) Wentworth and Sue (Rick) Deter, all of Albion, and Beth Lawrence of Fort Wayne; her grandchildren, Brad Wentworth, Belita Terry, Stephanie Lawrence. Brice Lawrence. Jeremey Deter and Chad Deter; her stepgreat-grandchildren, Austin Teel, Mallory Teel and Aaron Slone; her great-grandchildren, Brandy Miller, Braden Wentworth, Shawanda Lawrence, LaTia Lawrence, Satarah Lawrence, Isaiah Lawrence, Amanda Lawrence, Jesse Lawrence, Zane Deter, Avery Deter and Jerrick Deter; and her great-great-grandchildren, Andrew Miller, Nicholas Miller, Avery Deter, Jerrick Deter, Lilly Wentworth, Naayele Ackon and Raiden Ackon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Stringfellow were at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of the church officiated the service.

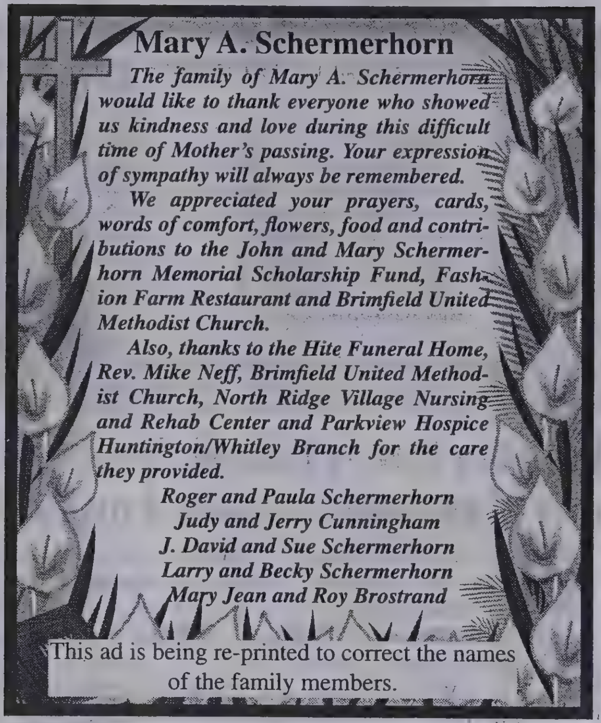
Burial will follow at the Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. Envelopes will be available at the church.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

To view the obituary on line or to sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 21, 2009, Wednesday



Mary A. Schermerhorn

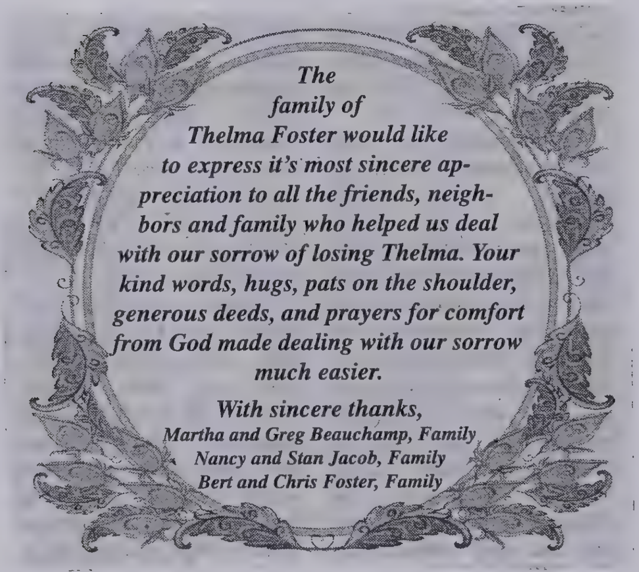
The family of Mary A. Schermerhorn would like to thank everyone who showed us kindness and love during this difficult time of Mother's passing. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

We appreciated your prayers, cards, words of comfort, flowers, food and contributions to the John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship Fund, Fashion Farm Restaurant and Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Also, thanks to the Hite Funeral Home, Rev. Mike Neff, Brimfield United Methodist Church, North Ridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center and Parkview Hospice Huntington/Whitley Branch for the care they provided.

Roger and Paula Schermerhorn
Judy and Jerry Cunningham
J. David and Sue Schermerhorn
Larry and Becky Schermerhorn
Mary Jean and Roy Brostrand

This ad is being re-printed to correct the names of the family members.



The family of Thelma Foster would like to express it's most sincere appreciation to all the friends, neighbors and family who helped us deal with our sorrow of losing Thelma. Your kind words, hugs, pats on the shoulder, generous deeds, and prayers for comfort from God made dealing with our sorrow much easier.

With sincere thanks,
Martha and Greg Beauchamp, Family
Nancy and Stan Jacob, Family
Bert and Chris Foster, Family

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 22, 2009, Thursday

Judy Stutzman

ASHLEY — Judy Marie Stutzman, 67 of Ashley died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Stutzman was a homemaker.

Mrs. Stutzman

She was born May 31, 1942, in Steuben County to Freeman and Clara (Frye) Tuttle.

She married Floyd Stutzman on June 13, 1961, in LaGrange, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons and four daughters, Dawn (Dennis) Dilley of Kendallville, Tim (Lisa) Stutzman of Waterloo, Marc (Janet) Stutzman of Steuben County, Christina (Jon) Newcomer of Kendallville, Denise (Mike) Miller of Corunna, Terry (Elizabeth) Stutzman of Auburn, Julie (Matt) Taylor of Waterloo and Jamie (Cera) Stutzman of Auburn; a brother, Kenneth (Arlene) Tuttle of Ashley; 22 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, John, Willis and Richard Tuttle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind., and also one hour prior to the service at the church Friday.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Our sincere appreciation and thank you for the cards, flowers, prayers, kind words or just thinking of us during our time of loss.

Special thanks to:
Demoney-Grimes Funeral Home,
Artistic Carton Co., Kraft Foods,
Kelly Services, all of our wonderful family,
great friends and co-workers.

We love and dearly miss you, Nic McCoy.
Thank you to all and God bless.

Ariel and Justin McCoy,
Jayme and Nathan Haynes and the
entire McCoy/Pettigrew families

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 23, 2009, Friday

Richard Thieme

KENDALLVILLE — Richard H. Thieme, 79, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Thieme was a self-employed carpenter until he retired in 2005.

He graduated from Fort Wayne North Side High School in 1947.

Mr. Thieme

Mr. Thieme was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and he loved to be surrounded by his family and friends.

He was born in Fort Wayne on November 22, 1929, to Herbert Richard and Betty Pearl (Jordan) Thieme. He married Theresa A. Ripberger on February 18, 1950, in Fort Wayne and she survives in Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa A. Thieme of Kendallville; four sons, Steven and Debbie Thieme of Fort Wayne, Randy and Cindy Thieme of Fort Wayne, David Thieme of Kendallville and Brian and Sarah Thieme of Columbia, Missouri; three daughters; Debra and Evan Leinker of Churubusco, Janet Cross of Kendallville and Sandra and Steven Peterink of Kendallville; 22 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty Elliott of Fort Wayne and Joan Badders of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Tesah Thieme.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church and or St. John Lutheran School.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Diane Hill

FREMONT — Diane K. Hill, 66, of Angola died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Memorial services at a later date following cremation.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuenral home.com.

Katie Schmucker

LAGRANGE — Katie M. Schmucker, 89, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dennis Schlabach residence, 1740 N. C.R. 400W, with Bishop Edward Schmucker and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be all day today.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Ruth Counterman

PLEASANT LAKE — Ruth A. Counterman, 82, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Ervin Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Ervin C. Miller, 87, of Middlebury died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Orva Lehman residence, 60412 C.R. 43, Middlebury, with Bishop Dean Gingerich and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury

Calling is all day today at the Miller residence, 58064 C.R. 37, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 23, 2009, Friday

Robert Kozlowski

ZIONSVILLE — On October 15, 2009, at 3:05 p.m. Robert C. Kozlowski, 62, lost his 4 1/2-year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Susan, his wife, was by his side to take his last breath and will breathe for the both of them from this day forward.

Mr. Kozlowski

His children, Steven, Jessica and Zach, as well as all the people whose lives were touched by his presence will dearly miss this great man of peace, integrity, compassion, intelligence and love.

He was a lover of nature and the roads less traveled, an avid fisherman and boater, a man well traveled and one of wisdom. He loved to cook for a crowd or just for two and always appreciated a good meal.

Robert was a champion of the common person, treating all with respect, believing in the importance of an education and a good hard day's work, but at the end of the day exemplifying that what is important is the love of a lifetime and the family and friends one cherishes.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held October 24, 2009, at the home of Bob and Susan. People who have been touched by Bob's life are welcome to join the family from 2-5 p.m., with a dedication to be held at 3 p.m. Casual dress, in honor of a life lived to the fullest, is requested.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Bob Kozlowski "Forever Memories" fund established to provide a patient and his or her family with a vacation cruise to make their own "Forever Memories" of Life, Love and Laughter. Susan and the family have many such memories they will hold dear to their hearts forever more.

Gift donations in Bob's honor may be sent to Campbell & Fetter Bank, P.O. Box 231, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Roger Rhodes

ALBION — Roger L. Rhodes, 67, of rural Albion died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, in the emergency room of the Parkview-Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, with the Rev. George Odem officiating. Burial will follow at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter in Kendallville. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Helga Jenkot

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Helga Jenkot, 75, of Montgomery died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at her home.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church, 8780 E. C.R. 700N, Clear Lake, Fremont, Ind., with Father Philip Schneider officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery, California Township, Branch County, Michigan.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 23, 2009, Friday

Betty Gose

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Lou Gose, 71, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Gose was a homemaker and had been employed at Starcraft in Topeka.

Mrs. Gose

She was born in Hueysville, Ky., on June 22, 1938, to Hoy and Lulie (Smith) Shepherd. They are deceased.

She married Earnest Gose on Jan. 12, 1963, in South Milford and he preceded her death Sept. 2, 2007.

Surviving are a son, Jeffrey Gose of Kendallville; a daughter, Teresa Rasler of LaGrange; three stepsons, DeWayne Gose of Stroh, Ronnie and Deb Gose of Ashley and Dennis and Theresa Gose of Arkansas; two stepdaughters, Diana and Chuck Eaglebarger of Stroh and Carolyn and Bob Lawson of Stroh; seven grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren; and a brother, Elmer Shepherd of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Gose on Jan. 30, 1988, and a brother, Arnold Shepherd.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Sam Weimer and the Rev. Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Chuck Eaglebarger, Jason Anderson, Jessie Gose, Brandon Dillon, Edward Rasler and Mike Shepherd.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 24, 2009, Saturday

Ruth Counterman

PLEASANT LAKE — Ruth A. Counterman, 82, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Counterman was a homemaker.

Mrs. Counterman

She had attended Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola and was a member of the Angola Quilting Club.

She was born March 26, 1927, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to William and Lena (Fox) Johnson. She married Murray E. Counterman on July 20, 1946. He survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff M. and Karen Counterman of Angola and Spark E. and Tamara Counterman of Angola; two daughters, Sandra and William Groves of Marion and Tracy and William Boyer of Angola; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Jeff E. Counterman; a daughter, Judy Thalls; and a sister, June Costello.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home with Pastor Alan LaRue officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society in Angola.

Robert Johnson

LAGRANGE — Robert L. Johnson, 67, of rural LaGrange County died Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, at his home with his family by his side.

Mr. Johnson was a worker at Newnam Foundry and Kendallville Foundry, both in Kendallville. He retired in 1991.

Mr. Johnson

He was a member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville.

He was born in Pippa Passes, Ky., on Jan. 24, 1942, to Joe and Bossie (Jacobs) Johnson. He married Emily L. Bolen on April 3, 1958, in Hindman, Ky. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are four daughters, Linda and Wilford Slone of Kendallville, Wanda and Rev. Charles Mosley of Kendallville, Tammy Childers and Kelly Martin of LaGrange and Evon and Danny Gilbert of Henryville, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Granville Lee Johnson of Hindman, Ky., and Johnny Johnson of Hazard, Ky.; and a sister, Nadine Slone of Caney, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Roger L. Johnson, who died in 1995.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Harbor of Love Baptist Church, S.R. 3, South, Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosley and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange County. Pallbearers will be Brandon Slone, Calvin Thomas, Granville Bolen, Gary Bolen, Lonnie Messer, Billy Mosley, Timmy Collins and Waldo Slone.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. today at the church, with evening services at 7 p.m., and from 4-9 p.m. Sunday, with an evening service at 7 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 25, 2009, Sunday

Ewing touched so many lives

BY JAN RICHARDSON
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KENDALLVILLE — The Kendallville community lost one of its quiet leaders Oct. 6 with the death of Robert Ewing.

Mr. Ewing was the guiding force behind the Divorce Care and Choosing Wisely programs through Trinity Church United Methodist. He served as the programs' facilitator for many years, offering guidance and support to those contemplating or going through divorce.

Mr. Ewing

His compassion and understanding were appreciated by many participants.

"I was very blessed to be a student of Bob Ewing's Divorce Care Class. Bob had a passion for teaching and helping those going though this painful experience," said Karen Durham.

Durham said she thought Ewing, a retired longtime educator, was able to transfer his teaching style to the Divorce Care sessions. "He shared our hurts, frustrations and really cared about each of us," Durham said.

Divorce Care participant Kim Huff said, "Bob always had a listening ear and was truly concerned not just about me, but also my kids.

"He never judged, just encouraged me to keep moving forward and turn to the Lord. I feel I was truly blessed to have him help me through the most difficult time in my life.

He helped me see the light when all I could see was the darkness."

Tom Smith said, ". . . he helped me through a tough time in my life. He was a great and caring person. I will never forget what he did for me and how he was there to always help others. He will be greatly missed."

Although he had health problems, Ewing's death at age 74 was a surprise to many.

Mr. Ewing had been a dedicated teacher and coach for most of his life. He spent more than 30 years at Garrett High School teaching vocational drafting and industrial arts. His coaching career at Garrett spanned three decades as well. After retiring as Garrett's track and cross country coach, he volunteered with East Noble's track program for several years.

FILE PHOTO

This photo of Bob Ewing is from the Garrett High School 1967 yearbook. Mr. Ewing served as Garrett's track and cross country coach for more than 30 years.

Mr. Ewing's career at Garrett touched many lives including that of columnist Bob Novy. He wrote the following tribute for the Oct. 15 edition of the Garrett Clipper:

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THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 25, 2009, Sunday

With sadness, I note the passing of former Garrett High School educator and coach Robert Ewing on October 6.

Ewing taught drafting and vocational drafting for 32 years, retiring in 1995. In addition, he was cross country and track coach at GHS from 1967 to 1972.

First and foremost, Ewing was an excellent instructor. Colleague David Neal praised Ewing for being ahead of the times in his field.

"In the early '80s, he had to be the first industrial arts instructor in the area to have a computerized drafting program," Neal said. Many of his former students hold important positions in the field today.

Ewing was my health teacher my freshman year at GHS. I learned a lot from him in that class. But I learned far more from him as solid peer throughout my teaching career. Daily, in my early years at Garrett, I saw the commitment Ewing had to students. He had outstanding organizational skills and earned my respect as a fellow teacher.

Retired teacher and coach Richard Capin also had praise for Ewing. Capin was Ewing's mentor track coach.

"When he came here as an assistant, I turned over the middle distance and distance runners to him," Capin said. "We hit it off well together, and when I quit coaching and turned it over to him, he did a good job," he added.

Capin, who was Ewing's fishing partner in retirement, said that Ewing's strongest coaching quality was his ability to recognize talent and make athletes work hard. That approach paid great dividends in 1971 and 1972 when Ewing coached two-time GHS state high hurdle champion Jeff Stroman.

Ewing was also credited with starting the modern day cross country program at GHS.

Ewing himself had a great athletic career prior to his teaching and coaching days. The 1953 North Side graduate won back-to-back state track championships in the 200 yard dash in 1952 and 1953. His 1953 winning time was an outstanding 22.1 seconds. At Purdue, Ewing earned third place in the 100 yard dash at the Big Ten meet in 1955.

His career in high school and college track was recognized with his induction into the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame on Jan. 19, 1990. The following year Ewing served on that same organization's induction committee.

May he rest in peace.

Robert Eugene Ewing leaves two sons and daughters-in-law, a daughter, a foster son, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a brother and sister-in-law and countless former students and Divorce Care participants whose lives he touched in many ways.

As Tom Smith said, he will be greatly missed.

Eric Lash

ANGOLA — Eric D. "Deke" Lash, 24 died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at his home in Angola.

He was born March 19, 1985, in Phoenix, Ariz. His parents, Gerald and Jenyne (Carroll) Lash, survive in Hamilton. He married Tabatha Harr on July 30, 2005, in Waterloo and she survives.

He is also survived by three children, Ivy, Matayah and Gavin Lash, all at home. Four brothers and two sisters-in-law; Ted and Sherri Lash of Auburn, Tim Lash of Auburn, James and Cody Lash of Hudson and Tyler Lash of Hamilton; grandparents, Judy Rudolph of Hamilton and Everett and Sharon Carroll of Michigan; and a great-grandmother, Mary Catherine Rudolph of Huntertown.

He worked for Bostwick Brawn in Ashley. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and shooting pool.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Bryan James

HUDSON — Bryan R. James, 50, of Hudson, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at his home.

There are no services or calling.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Hudson.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 26, 2009, Monday

Donna Chaffin

GARRETT — Donna Jean Chaffin, 78, of Garrett, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 at Select Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chaffin

She was born Jan. 21, 1931 in Flint, Mich., to Walter Irvine and Alena Mae (Hogg) Gould.

Donna graduated from Flint Northern High School in Flint, Mich.

She married Rev. W. Calvin Chaffin on Jan. 27, 1951 in Angola. He died Sept. 17, 2004.

Mrs. Chaffin was employed by Bell Telephone and Maas Bros. in Flint.

She resided in Garrett since 1996.

Mrs. Chaffin was affiliated with numerous General Baptist Churches over many years and was active in Women's Missions Ministries with General Baptist denominations.

She is survived by a son and daughter in-law, Donald Calvin and Tonya (Avery) Chaffin of Garrett; three granddaughters and their spouses, Tara and Mike Lilly, Tricia and Chad Rayle and Trina and Kip Rayle all of Garrett; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Ron Gould of Lupton, Mich.; and three sisters, Leona Margie Eberline of Cass City, Mich., Carolyn Cronk of Berkley, Mich., and Sandy Russell of National City, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Lowell Chaffin, who was born and died on Aug. 10, 1954; three brothers, Donald, William Kenneth and Ray Gould; and two sisters, Wanda Lee and Louise Blackmer.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 2-8 p.m. at Swartz Funeral Home in Flint, Mich.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 at Swartz Funeral Home with calling 1 hour prior. The Rev. Leroy Jolly Jr. will be officiating.

Burial will follow in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery in Grand Blanc, Mich.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To send a condolence or sign the on-line guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org

Reba Sandlin

LIGONIER — Reba E. Sandlin, 91 of Ligonier died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Salome Graber

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Salome Graber, 16, of Montgomery, Mich., died on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, as the result of an auto-buggy accident on the Ray-Quincy Road in Michigan.

Calling will be all day today at the Graber family residence, 900 S. Ray-Quincy Road, Montgomery. Amish services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the residence. Burial will be at Girod Cemetery, Reading, Mich.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Estil Taylor

AUBURN — Estil E. Taylor, 89, formerly of St. Joe, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born on July 13, 1920, in Cecil, Ohio, to Harry and Mary (Loomis) Taylor. Estil served in the Army during World War II. He worked for 14 years at Rieke Corp. and for 19 years at Partee Co. He married Thelma Easterday on Sept. 22, 1941, in Auburn; she preceded in death on Sept. 5, 1991.

Estil was a member of the Auburn American Legion and the Butler Eagles.

Survivors include a son, Dennis of South Carolina; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Sandy Taylor.

Services for Estil E. Taylor will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler. Visitation will be held two hours prior to services. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

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Lynne Hart

ORLAND — Lynne Hart, 60, of Orland, died on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at her residence on the Fawn River in LaGrange County.

Mrs. Hart

Mrs. Hart was born in Niles, Mich. on Dec. 10, 1948, to Hugh E. and Ellen Elnora (Corzine) Cooper and graduated from East Noble High School in 1967. Her father preceded her death on March 22, 1999, and her mother survives in Kendallville.

She married Orlo B. Hart on Sept. 3, 1993, in Angola, and in 1999 moved to Kingman, Ariz., before returning to Indiana in 2001.

She last was employed with Eagle Packaging in Corunna as a scheduler-programmer. She also worked at Siebe/Eaton Controls in Kendallville from 1978-1999. In earlier years, Lynne also worked at Kendallville Bank & Trust, and Miller Poultry near Orland.

Lynne loved the serenity of her home on the Fawn River, Friday night karaoke, craft-making, and spending quality time with her husband. Together they restored their 1965 Chevy teal Impala convertible, and 1946 Ford Coup. They enjoyed attending Street Rod Runs and Shows together.

Lynne loved collecting antique jewelry, native American culture and attending the Indian Fest in Wisconsin every year. Together they traveled all across the country on their Honda GoldWing, trailer in tow, wherever their hearts desired.

Survivors include her husband, Orlo Hart of Orland; three daughters, Lori Hullinger of Montana, Leslie Hovarter of Oak Creek, Wis., and Jamie Doyle of Oak Creek, Wis.; Gregg Hart of Elkhorn, Neb.; grandchildren, Erica Penland, Shae and Koel Hullinger; Ashley, Austin, and Emily Hovarter; Hudson, Harrison, and Hayden Hart; and Sean, Gunnar, Reece and Lylah Doyle; her mother, Ellen Cooper of Kendallville; a sister, Carol Goetz of Ohio and a brother, John Cooper of Colorado.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Funeral Services will be Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor James Archambeault.

Preferred Memorials Brain Cancer Research for a Cure Foundation, PO Box 751, Baltimore, MD 21203.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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October 27, 2009, Tuesday

Wilbur Weaver

LAGRANGE — Wilbur D. Weaver, 79, of LaGrange left his home in the arms of our Savior at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, October 25, 2009, in the home of his daughter, Melissa Riehl, near LaGrange.

Weaver

Mr. Weaver had resided in Topeka most of his life. He had lived in LaGrange for the last ten years.

He was the owner and operator of Tri State Distributors in Topeka.

He was born April 27, 1930, in LaGrange to David J. and Alice D. (Hostetler) Weaver.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Beth Beaty of Cape Coral, Florida, Dawn and Tim Sanderson of LaGrange, Melissa and Willie Riehl of LaGrange, and Michelle Somerset of Los Angeles, California; nine grandchildren, Ryan C. Sanderson, Chad A. Sanderson, Anthony Beaty, Brooke Beaty, Seth Riehl, Cody Riehl, Dustin Riehl, Faith Riehl and Emilie Riehl; two sisters, Mary Jane Bontreger of Shipshewana and Wilma Weaver of Shipshewana; five brothers and sisters-in-law, David Weaver Jr. and Martha Weaver of Shipshewana, Vernon and Elva Weaver of LaGrange, Freeman and Norma Weaver of New Paris, LeRoy and Ida Weaver of Shipshewana and Mervin and Joan Weaver of Nappanee; and the mother of his children, Sandra L. Price of South Bend.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 10 a.m. in the Maple Grove Church, 806 S. Main St., Topeka, with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in East Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Casketbearers will be Ryan Sanderson, Chad Sanderson, Seth Riehl, Cody Riehl, Dustin Riehl and Anthony Beaty.

Preferred memorials are to the Maple Grove Church.

Calling will be today, Tuesday, October 27, 2009, from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, October 28, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Mary Paight

LAGRANGE — Mary Lou Paight, 82, of LaGrange died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Paight was a homemaker and a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

Paight

She was a member of the Scott United Methodist Church in Scott.

She was born on Sept. 25, 1927, in LaGrange County to Arthur and Hazel (Johnson) Paulus. On May 17, 1947, in Howe, she married Ellis D. Paight. He preceded her in death on Feb. 3, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Ben Swank of Garrett, and Delora Harker of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Cherl Paight of Howe and LeRoy Paight of Shipshewana; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Wolf of South Bend.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a daughter, Beverly Paight in 1956; and a brother, Robert Paulus.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeffrey Stedge officiating. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Scott United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for that family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Reba Sandlin

LIGONIER — Reba E. Sandlin, 91, of Ligonier died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, October 25, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Sandlin

Mrs. Sandlin was a lifetime area resident.

She had worked for Sorg Products in Ligonier for several years.

She was born October 7, 1918, in Etna Green to Noah and Ethel (Hamman) Seniff. She first married Russell Bellman and he died in 1953. She then married Jason "Hap" Vanette and he died in 1968. She then married Green Sandlin and he preceded her in death in March 2006.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie (Jerry) Ray of Syracuse and Cindy (Melvin) Coyle of Ligonier; five grandchildren, Shaun (Matt) Mawhorter of Bristol, Shane (Lisa) Ray of Brownsburg, Stacy (Travis) Steele of Ligonier, Jeremy (Kristi) Coyle of Crestview, Fla., and Heather (Wayne) Morris of Kimmell; nine great-grandchildren, Blake, Brooke, Bridgette, Madison, Alison, Walker, Trevor, Aiden and Alexis; and a stepsister, Kathryn Scott of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Shannon Bellman, and a brother, Owen Seniff.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 31, 2009, in Bremen Cemetery in Bremen, Ind. with celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier IN 46767 or the Noble County Humane Society, P.O. Box 471, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Donald Norris

LAGRANGE — Donald O. Norris, 79, of LaGrange, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009 at his residence.

A celebration of life will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at the American Legion Post 215, 100 Industrial Parkway, LaGrange. Military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Color Guard, and will conclude the celebration.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Victoria Parrish

GARRETT — Victoria D. Parrish, 51, of Garrett, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 7, 1958, in Fredericksburg, Texas, the daughter of Troy D. and Edith R. Kimmel.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Parrish of Garrett; two daughters, Bavadawn Hutson of Indianapolis and Amanda Bosell of Greenwood; her mother, Edith R. Kimmel of Fredericksburg, Texas; her grandchildren, Tramain Keen, Collin Hutson and Gary Jenkins; her sisters, Valarie L. Adams of Montpelier, Ind., and Millie A. Summers of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father, Troy D. Kimmel.

Memorial calling will be held Thursday from 1-5 p.m. followed by a celebration of life service at 5 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date.

To sign the a guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Gerald Olinske

ANGOLA — Gerald "Jerry" Olinske, 69, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at New Haven Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Tony Moore

ELKHART — Tony B. Moore, 44, of Elkhart died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Karl Black officiating. Burial will be in Ivans Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be form 6-8 p.m. today and 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Shawn Hazelet-Eiden

ANGOLA — Shawn M. Hazelet-Eiden, 38, of Angola and formerly of Warsaw died at 8:55 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital iin Fort Wayne.

Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Leesburg Cemetery at Leesburg.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mr. Hazelet-Eiden's children in care of Mark Hazelet.

Condolences may be sent online to mchatton-sadlerfuneralchapels.com.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Lewis Greenman

AMHERST, Colo. — Lewis E. Greenman, 75, of Amherst and formerly of Salem Center in Steuben County died Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at his home.

There are no services at this time.

Maureen Meese

NEW HAVEN — Maureen T. Meese, 61, of New Haven died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne,

Calling will 9-11 a.m. Saturday prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Jack Meese.

Sharon Stoner

CROMWELL — Sharon Sue Stoner, 49, of Cromwell, died at 10:05 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway W. Drive, Suite 114, Indianapolis IN 46250 or to her son Travis Stoner in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier IN 46767.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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To our many
friends, neighbors,
and extended family.

We wish to thank everyone for your prayers and generous support during the passing of Ross. We are saddened for our personal loss but "rejoice" in knowing that his physical struggles have been victoriously overcome through his new body in Jesus Christ, and we look forward to our future reunion with him in heaven.

In Christ's Love,
Sheila Jett and Family

The Family of
Jeanette Stringfellow
would like to thank the many people who helped us through our time of grief with cards, flowers, prayers, donations or comforting words.

God Bless You All!

THE NEWS SUN
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October 28, 2009, Wednesday

Cables blamed in man's death

FORT WAYNE — Cables underneath the Tecumseh Street bridge were responsible for a personal watercraft accident Sunday that killed an Albion man, NewsChannel 15 reports.

Matthew Stocksdale, 37, didn't see the cables as he approached the bridge on the Maumee River and was knocked off his personal watercraft, officials said.

The Allen County Coroner's Office said Stocksdale died from severe blunt force trauma to the neck.

The bridge has been closed to traffic since June while crews worked to resurface and make other improvements. The cables, which now have ribbons tied to them, are used to secure barges used by workers resurfacing the underside of the bridge.

Stocksdale's survivors include his wife, Stacy Stocksdale, of Albion.

Matthew Stocksdale was a manufacturing engineer for Busche in Albion.

Rozella Dembickie

Mrs. Dembickie

GARRETT — Rozella Mae Dembickie, 87, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dembickie was an activities director at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 2002.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Harvest House and the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 4, 1922, in Avilla, Ind., to James and Bertha (Betts) Owen. She married Joseph Dembickie on Sept. 2, 1939, in Garrett. He died June 1, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Walter of Fort Wayne; and two granddaughters; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sadie Grate of Ashley, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Russell Owen and Harold Owen; and a sister, Irene McPheeters.

A Mass of Christian Resurrection will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with a calling for friends and family from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the church. Officiating will be Father Jacob Gall.

Burial will take place at a later date in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Soup Kitchen.

Send online condolences to thomasfuneralhome.org

Gerald Olinske

ANGOLA — Gerald "Jerry" Olinske, 69, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at New Haven Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Olinske had been the manager of the Steuben County Waste Landfill.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Olinske was a member of VFW Post 985 in Goshen and American Legion Post 31 in Angola.

He was born April 30, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Robert G. and Mary (Smola) Olinske. He married JoAnn Livelsberger in 1967. She died March 29, 2007.

Surviving are a brother, Jimmie and Marilyn Olinske of Glenpool, Okla.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Thelma in 1953.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be form 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

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Shawn Hazelet-Eiden

ANGOLA — Shawn M. Hazelet-Eiden, 38, of Angola and formerly of Warsaw died at 8:55 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hazelet-Eiden

Mrs. Hazelet-Eiden was a social worker.

She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola.

Shawn did volunteer work at CAVA, Sus Amigos, and the YMCA of Angola. She also volunteered at St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

She was born Dec. 5, 1970, in Fort Wayne to Mark and Jackie (Dodge) Hazelet. They survive in Warsaw.

Also surviving are her children, Anthony Habermann of Warsaw and Stephanie Eiden, Lawrence "Buck" Eiden and William "Wink" Eiden, all of Angola; a granddaughter, Kalli Danielle Slone; a sister, Tracey (Rob) Sleighter of Pierceton; a niece, Morgan Sleighter; two nephews, Trevor Sleighter and Shannon; many loving aunts; an uncle; cousins; and two wonderful friends, Petty Jansen of the Netherlands and Stephanie Garrett McDairmant of Warsaw.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Leesburg Cemetery at Leesburg.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Shawn's children in care of Mark Hazelet.

Condolences may be sent online to mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

Suzanne Koontz-Hood

ALBION — Suzanne Koontz-Hood, 81, of Albion and formerly of Kendallville and Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at the Northridge Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Mrs. Koontz-Hood's daughter-in-law. LeAnn Perry, will officiate.

Cremation will follow the service.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church Music Department.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Garnet Shull

AUBURN — Garnet M. Shull, 89, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shull was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 11, 1920, in Corning, Ohio, to Hershal and Nancy (Moorehead) Fouts. She married L.D. Shull on Feb. 20, 1937, in Fort Wayne and he died June 18, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Sheila Purdy-Morgan and her husband Cliff of Fort Wayne; a son, Glenn Shull and his wife Sue of St. Paul, Minn; a daughter-in-law, Mary Shull of Auburn; a brother, Kenneth Fouts of Cleveland, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Ron Shull; five brothers; and three sisters.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS SUN
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Donald Norris

LAGRANGE — Donald O. Norris, 79, of LaGrange died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Norris moved to LaGrange County in 1961 from Eaton Rapids, Mich.

He was a Supervisor at Dometic Corp., formerly Goodyear/Duo-Therm, in LaGrange where he worked for 34 years.

Mr. Norris was a Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Army.

He was a life member of the LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and the Sons of the American Legion.

He was born on Aug.15, 1930, in Eaton County, Mich., to Ivan P. and Mary E. (Purcell) Norris.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Denise E. and Bruce Williams of Alvin, Texas, Katherine R. Norris of Elkhart and Kristina L. Hogan of Shipshewana; a son, Donald E. Norris of Coldwater, Mich.,; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucy Greene of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; and four brothers, LeRoy Norris of Brookfield, Mich., Ike Norris of Onondaga, Mich., Ron Norris of Lansing, Mich., and Duane Norris of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; and a special friend, Joan Johnson of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Michael J. Stidham; two sisters, June and Oma; and four brothers, Daniel, David, John and Leo.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 from 1-4 p.m. at the LaGrange American Legion Post 215, 100 Industrial Parkway, LaGrange, Ind. Military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Color Guard and will conclude the celebration at 4 p.m.

Arrangements are being handled by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Matt Stocksdale

FORT WAYNE — Matt Stocksdale, 37, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Stocksdale Children's Fund at Chase Bank.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

A full obiturary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Audrey Wallen

KENDALLVILLE — Audrey Wallen, 73, of Kendallville died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Richard Stark

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Stark, 85, formerly of Sandusky, Ohio, and most recently of Kendallville died Monday at the home of a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Randy Leas in Kendallville.

Mr. Stark had resided with the Leas the past three years.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Donald Yates officiating.

Calling will also be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be later at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Margery Schaeffer

HOWE — Margery C. Schaeffer, 89, of Howe died Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at Life Care Center of LaGrange in LaGrange.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made as Masses to the St. Joseph Church, to St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Sodality or to ARC School of Opportunity.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmay funeralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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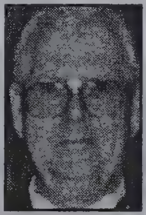
Bud Barr

KENDALLVILLE — Glen Alan "Bud" Barr, age 75, of Kendallville, died on Monday, October 26, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.


Mr. Barr

Bud was born in Wolf Lake on August 12, 1934, to the late Homer Lee and Mabel Mary (Bonar) Barr.

He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1952 and entered the United States Army during peacetime and served his country from 1957-1958.

He married Patricia Lou Rowe on February 1, 1959, in Kendallville.

Bud was employed with the Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for more than 42 years.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville where he faithfully served as usher.

He was a past member for many years of the Kendallville Jaycees and past president of the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals.

Bud was involved with the Kendallville Youth Baseball as a coach for many years and one of his favorite pastimes was going fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Patricia Barr of Kendallville; sons, Craig Linthicum of Kendallville, Bret and Tonya Barr of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Joe Barr of Albion and Todd Barr of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren, Carie and Dane Brandgard, Drew Linthicum, Cody Linthicum, Nikki and Rob Galbraith, Danelle Barr, Carl W. Haggerman, Kaitlin Barr, Emalee Barr, Kyle Barr, Connor Barr, Dezaray Barr and Joshua Barr; eight great-grandchildren, Allyson Brandgard, Leif Brandgard, Lars Brandgard, Hanna Brandgard, Alaura Linthicum, Jackson Linthicum, Kingston Linthicum and Alexis Jade Folis; and three sisters, Sally and Jim Grawthrop of Kimmell, Betty and Carl McKee of Terre Haute and Sandy and Woody Halsey of Woodburn.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Celestial Breeze Linthicum.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, October 28, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or School.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Beverly Lothamer

ROME CITY — Beverly Jean Lothamer, age 78, died Monday, October 26, 2009, at 9 a.m. at her home in Rome City. She had been ill for the past seven months.

Mrs. Lothamer has lived in Noble County since 1963, and has lived on the lake since 1994 coming from Wolcottville.

She worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 14 years and most recently she was employed at Eaton Corp. in Kendallville.

She was born in Rochester, Indiana, on May 19, 1931, to Oscar Leroy and Beulah Grace (Moore) Smith. She married Edward A. Lothamer on May 25, 1946. He died on May 19, 2000.

Mrs. Lothamer enjoyed sewing, painting, cake decorating and most of all spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Surviving are children, Paul Lothamer of Fort Wayne, Cheryl Marshall of Kendallville, Mark Lothamer of Fort Wayne, Deborah Joan Estrada of Kimmell, Marilyn Franks of Rome City, Brenda LaMarr of Bluffton, Indiana, and Sharon Kay (Javier) Montoya of Kendallville; 21 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marsha (George) Harvey of Auburn and Dorothy (LaVern) Harness of Tri Lakes, Indiana.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two great-grandchildren and a granddaughter.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lothamer will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

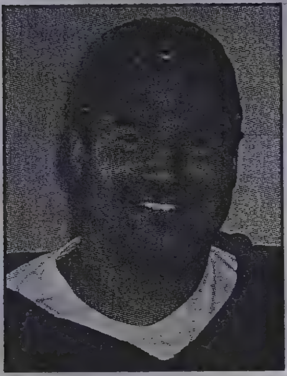
Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. on Thursday evening with a rosary service at 7 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

Burial following the funeral will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials may be made to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 28, 2009, Wednesday

Man dies in watercraft incident



Matthew Stocksdale

FORT WAYNE — A Fort Wayne man was killed Sunday in a personal watercraft mishap on the Maumee River in Fort Wayne, Indiana conservation officers report. The crash was reported at about 5 p.m. Sunday at the Tecumseh Street Bridge.

Matthew Stocksdale, 37, of Fort Wayne, was pronounced dead at the scene after his craft hit a cable that had been strung across the river by crews working on the bridge.

The cable then bounced off the watercraft, striking Stocksdale, according to Lt. Dean Jenkins, a commander for the Indiana Conservation Officers.

Autopsy results from the Allen County Coroner's Office indicated that the cause of death was severe blunt-force trauma to the neck.

The cables were apparently being used to secure work barges at the construction site, and were not marked with buoys or warning signs. Flags have since been posted on the cables.

Stocksdale was a manufacturing engineer for Busche in Albion. He was married to Stacy Gaerte formerly of Albion. *(See obituary on page five of this issue of the Albion New Era.)*

Matt Stocksdale, 37

ALBION – Matt Stocksdale, 37, passed away Sunday, October 25, 2009 in Fort Wayne. Born in Fort Wayne, IN, Matt worked as a manufacturing engineer for Busche in Albion. He attended New Haven High School and ITT.

Survived by his wife Stacy Stocksdale of Albion; daughters, Alexandrea, Kylie, Kaylee; sons, Colton, Tristin, Tyler; step-son, Ethan; former step-son, Skyler; parents, David & Suzann Stocksdale of New Haven; brother, Marcus (Lynn) Stocksdale of Fort Wayne; sister, Mackenzie (Brian) Brockhaus of New Haven; grandmother, Marjorie Stocksdale of Fort Wayne; mother and father in-law, Dan and Trudy Gaerte of Albion; brother-in-laws, Todd Gaerte of Kimmell, Tony (Lara) Gaerte of Fort Wayne; sister-in-laws, Shelly (Jesse) Rodrigez of Goshen, Kalyn Gaerte of Albion.

Matthew was preceded in death by his grandparents Cloyce and Ruth Peden and George Stocksdale.

Visitation from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 pm on Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral service on Friday, 1:00 pm at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior to service, Rev. Aaron Peer officiating. Burial in Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers family request donations to the Stocksdale Children's Fund at Chase Bank. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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Patrica Ann Mohler, 71

ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA – Patrica Ann Mohler, age 71, of rocky Mount, Virginia died Monday, October 19, 2009. She was born in Kendallville, IN on June 21, 1938, a daughter of the late Earle and Dorothy Parker. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Duane (twin brother of Deane); a step-sister, June Christman.

She graduated from Manatee High School, Bradenton, Fl and attended Manchester College, North Manchester, IN.

Surviving are her husband, James R. Mohler, formerly of Louisville, OH; three children, Diane of Chesterland, OH, John Jay of Brooklyn, MS and James D. of Boones Mill, VA; four grandchildren; a brother, Deane Parker of Rocky Mount, VA.

Funeral Services were conducted at Antioch Church of the Brethren with Rev. David Wolfe officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in the name of Patrica Mohler to the Antioch Community Park, c/o Antioch Church of the Brethren, 2996 Callaway Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151 or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Flora Funeral Service, Rocky Mount.

Roger L. Rhodes, 67

ALBION – Roger L. Rhodes, 67, of rural Albion, died suddenly of a heart attack on Wednesday, October 21st, 2009 in the emergency room of the Parkview – Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Roger was born on June 14, 1942 in Welch, West Virginia to the late Lawrence and Addie (Hanson) Rhodes. On July 5, 1977 in Lebanon, Virginia he married Leoto nee Odem Rhodes, she survives in Albion.

Roger moved to the Albion area in 1966 from Welch, West Virginia. He was a retired excavator and was an avid woodworker and loved taking care of his animals.

His wife, Leoto survives; three sons, Joe (Linda) Rhodes of Albion, Jeff (Dora) Rhodes of Remington, Virginia, and Brian Rhodes of Masonville, TN; two daughters, Veronica (John) Schiefelbein of Albion and Addie (Dana) Dietrich of Fremont, Indiana; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; four sisters, Faye Keaton, Ann Osborne, Phyllis Waddell and Sue Ross.

Funeral Services for Mr. Rhodes were on Monday, October 26th, 2009 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel. 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, Indiana 46701.

The Rev. George Odem officiated the service. Burial followed at the Wolf Lake Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Noble County Humane Shelter in Kendallville, Indiana. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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To our many friends, neighbors, and extended family.

We wish to thank everyone for your prayers and generous support during the passing of Ross. We are saddened for our personal lost but "rejoice" in knowing that his physical struggles have been victoriously overcome through his new body in Jesus Christ, and we look forward to our future reunion with him in heaven.

In Christ's Love,
Sheila Jett and Family

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Reba E. Sandlin, 91

LIGONIER – Reba E. Sandlin, age 91, of Ligonier, IN passed away Sunday October 25, 2009 at 7:30 AM of natural causes at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She was born on October 7, 1918 in Etna Green, IN to Noah & Ethel (Hamman) Seniff. She married Russell Bellman, he passed away in 1953. She then married Jason "Hap" Vanette, he passed away in 1968. She then married Green Sandlin and he preceded her in death in March of 2006.

Reba was a lifelong area resident and she worked for Sorg Products in Ligonier, IN for several years.

She is survived by two daughters: Connie (Jerry) Ray of Syracuse, Cindy (Mel) Coyle of Ligonier; five grandchildren: Shaun (Matt) Mawhorter of Bristol, Shane (Lisa) Ray of Brownsburg, Stacy (Travis) Steele of Ligonier, Jeremy (Kristi) Coyle of Crestview, FL, Heather (Wayne) Morris of Kimmell; nine great-granchildren: Blake, Brooke, Bridgette, Madison, Alison, Walker, Trevor, Aiden and Alexis; and one stepsister: Kathryn Scott of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by one infant son: Shannon Bellman and one brother: Owen Seniff.

There will be a graveside service for Reba on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Bremen Cemetery in Bremen, IN with Larry Baker officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home- 1589 Lincolnway South Ligonier, IN 46767 or the Noble County Humane Society- P.O. Box 471 Kendallville, IN 46755.

Beverly Jean Lothamer, 78

ROME CITY – Beverly Jean Lothamer, age 78, died Monday, October 26, 2009 at 9:00 AM at her home in Rome City. She had been ill for the past seven months.

She was born in Rochester, Indiana on May 19, 1931 to Oscar Leroy and Beulah Grace (Moore) Smith. She has lived in Noble County since 1963, and has lived on the lake since 1994 coming from Wolcottville.

She married Edward A. Lothamer on May 25, 1946, he died on May 19, 2000. She worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 14 years and most recently she was employed at Eatons Corp. in Kendallville.

Mrs. Lothamer enjoyed sewing, painting, cake decorating and most of all spending time with her grandchildren. She was a memeber of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Surviving are children, Paul Lothamer of Fort Wayne,Cheryl Marshall of Kendallville, Mark Lothamer of Fort Wayne, Deborah Joan Estrada of Kimmell, Marilyn Franks of Rome City, Brenda LaMarr of Bluffton, Indiana and Sharon Kay (Javier) Montoya of Kendallville, twenty-one grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marsha (George) Harvey of Auburn, and Dorothy (LaVern) Harness of Tri Lakes, Indiana.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two great-grandchildren and a granddaughter.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lothamer will be Friday at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Calling will be from 3-8 PM on Thursday evening with a Rosary service at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

Burial following the funeral will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Memorials may be made to the family.

The Family of
Jeanette Stringfellow
would like to thank the many people who helped us through our time of grief with cards, flowers, prayers, donations or comforting words.

God Bless You All.

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Audrey Wallen

KENDALLVILLE — Audrey Lee Wallen, age 73, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wallen was born in Mousie, Kentucky, on February 15, 1936, to the late Clint and Ellen (Conley) Goodman.

Mrs. Wallen

She married Cledis Wallen on June 13, 1955, in Kendallville and he preceded her death August 7, 2005.

Mrs. Wallen was employed with Flint & Walling in Kendallville and retired from there after 25 years of service.

She was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Audrey enjoyed watching her favorite soap operas, making crafts, playing bingo, shopping and going to garage sales.

She loved family gatherings and getting together for the holidays with her family.

Survivors include her sons, Vernon and Brenda Wallen of Wawaka and Gregory and Michelle Wallen of Fort Wayne; daughter, Lisa Wallen of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Jean and Clester Coburn of Corunna, Ella Dean Mitchell of Kendallville and Betty Goodman of Kendallville; and five brothers, Bill and Carolyn Goodman of Mongo, Claude "Bird" and Kim Goodman of Wolcottville, Harold Goodman of Texas, David and Joann Goodman of Stroh and James "Bud" and Deb Goodman of Stroh.

She was also preceded in death by brother, Elmer "Red" Goodman.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, October 29, 2009, from 6-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 30, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Lee Combs.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

View a video tribute by today day or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Mary Frye

COLUMBIA CITY — Mary Alice Frye, 90, of Columbia City, died at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday and 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.

Visit demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Rita Arnold

SOUTH MILFORD — Rita F. Arnold, 53, of South Milford, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She had worked at Cooper-Standard Automotive in Auburn for 25 years.

She was born in West Virginia on July 28, 1956, the daughter of Newton and Verna Underwood.

Survivors include: two sons, Doug and Chad Arnold, both of Angola; three sisters, Wanda Bowman, Rasall, W. Va., Charlotte Gosner, Auburn, and Jan Underwood, Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Roger Underwood, Auburn, and Darrell Bowman, Fort Wayne.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will also be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Way.

To sign a guest book or leave condolences, go online to www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

George Weicht

BUTLER — George H. Weicht, 88, died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with calling Friday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

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Richard Stark

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Harry Stark, age 85, of Kendallville and formerly of Sandusky, Ohio, died on Monday, October 26, 2009, at his residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Stark

Mr. Stark was born in Sandusky, Ohio, on May 8, 1924, to the Richard and Edna Hazel (Coffman) Stark.

He graduated from Sandusky High School in 1942 and served his country in the Merchant Marines on the Great Lakes during World War II.

He married his first wife, Ethel M. Smith, on May 18, 1946, in Sandusky and she preceded his death on August 16, 1992.

He later married Betty Lou Jenkins, on September 23, 1999, and she also preceded his death on July 21, 2006.

Richard was a supervisor with the Ford Motor Company in Sandusky, Ohio. He was employed with Ford for 30 years before retiring April 1, 1986.

He was an avid Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns fan. When he moved to Indiana to live with his daughter, he became a Indianapolis Colts fan!

Richard enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. They loved it when grandpa would watch cartoons with them and that he would give them chocolates whenever they came to see him.

He loved Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners with his family, and he especially enjoyed eating sweet potatoes and dressing.

Richard also was a big fan of the Kendallville Apple Festival and each year looked forward to spending the weekend at the festival.

He loved traveling different places and he especially enjoyed the trips to Las Vegas with his wife Betty.

Survivors include six sons, Richard and Connie Stark of Sandusky, Ohio, Gary and Susan Stark of Eugene, Oregon, Mark and Denise Stark of Victory, Ohio, Roger and Christine Stark of Sandusky, Walter Dirks of Huron, Ohio, and Donald and Joy Yates of Greensburg, Indiana; three daughters, Kay and Gary Pooch of Sandusky, Brenda and Randy Leas of Kendallville, Loretta and Mike Haines of Cincinnati, Ohio; 27 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Emma Stark of Port Arthur, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James Stark, who died in 2008, as well as one infant brother.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, October 29, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will also be today, Thursday, at 4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Donald Yates.

Burial will be later at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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James Stuller

KENDALLVILLE — James Stuller, 52, of Helmer, died Wednesday at Dekalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Iva Merrifield

LAGRANGE — Iva M. Merrifield, 88, of LaGrange, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at her residence.

She moved from Minot, N.D. to LaGrange in 1938 and was a homemaker and seamstress.

Mrs. Merrifield was a member of the LaGrange Missionary Church in LaGrange where she was very active. She was a member of the Plato Home Economics Club, Sharing Doll Club, Mentor Moms and taught child evangelism.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1921 in Kenmare, N.D. to William R. and Elma (Harris) Kauffman. On May 31, 1942 in Howe, she married Howard E. Merrifield. He preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 1982.

Surviving are: six daughters and three sons-in-law, Sally and Jerry Weir and Peggy Ryan, all of LaGrange, Phyllis Thompson, Iron Station, N.C., Amy and Ed Layman, Burr Oak, Mich., Becky and David Mains, Jr., Albion, and Bonnie Hurtekant, Elkhart; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Paul and Paula Merrifield, Fairbanks, Alaska, Neil Merrifield, Denver, N.C., Keith and Jamie Merrifield, Fort Wayne, and Randy and Pat Merrifled, LaGrange; 33 grandchildren; 58 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; a sister, Lois Franz, Mount Pleasant, Mich.; and a brother, Frank Kauffman, Goshen.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were: her parents; a son, Billy Merrifield; five sons-in-law; four grandchildren; two sisters; and four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009 at the LaGrange First Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with Revs. Brent Danielson, Brad Ulick and Josh Hossler officiating.

Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Missionary Church or Gideon's International.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Matt Stocksdale

FORT WAYNE — Matt Stocksdale, 37, of Albion passed away Sunday, October 25, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., Matt worked as a manufacturing engineer for Busche in Albion.

Mr. Stocksdale

He attended New Haven High School and ITT.

He is survived by his wife, Stacy Stocksdale of Albion; two daughters, Alexandrea, Kylie and Kaylee; three sons, Colton, Tristin and Tyler; a stepson, Ethan; his former stepson, Skyler; his parents, David and Suzann Stocksdale of New Haven; a brother, Marcus (Lynn) Stocksdale of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mackenzie (Brian) Brockhaus of New Haven; his grandmother, Marjorie Stocksdale of Fort Wayne; his mother-in-law and father in-law, Dan and Trudy Gaerte of Albion; his brothers-in-law, Todd Gaerte of Kimmell and Tony (Lara) Gaerte of Fort Wayne; and his sisters-in-laws, Shelly (Jesse) Rodrigez of Goshen and Kalyn Gaerte of Albion.

Matthew was preceded in death by his grandparents, Cloyce and Ruth Peden and George Stocksdale.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior to service. The Rev. Aaron Peer will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, Oct. 29, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Stocksdale Children's Fund at Chase Bank.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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George Pavka

KENDALLVILLE — George Anthony Pavka, 78, of Kendallville and formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, in Kendallville.

Mr. Pavka

Mr. Pavka had also lived in California Township in Branch County, Michigan, and in Avon Park, Florida. He had lived the past seven years in Noble County, Indiana.

He had retired as a staff sergeant from the U.S. Army in 1968 after 21 years of service. He had served during the Korean War and received the Good Conduct Bronze Clasp and the Purple Heart Award.

Mr. Pavka has also retired from the Coldwater Regional Center.

He was a graduate of Montgomery High School in Montgomery, Mich.

Mr. Pavka enjoyed playing cards, woodworking, working in his yard, gardening and watching television. He loved watching football and was a huge Indianapolis Colts fan.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

He was born December 2, 1930, in California Township, Branch County, Michigan, to Anthony and Mary Elizabeth (Belik) Pavka. He married Lola B. Back on March 31, 1953, in Castle Rock, Colo. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary and Neal Augenstein of Kendallville; four sons, Troy and Mary Pavka of Camden, Mich., William and Linda Pavka of Coldwater, Mich., Dennis Pavka of Churubusco and David Pavka of Hillsdale, Mich.; two sisters, Josephine Williams of Montgomery, Mich., and Mildred Gripman of Montgomery, Mich.; two brothers, Joseph and Betty Pavka of Reading, Mich., and William and Laura Pavka of Hillsdale, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Anna Swaney and Mary Harbaugh; a brother, John Pavka; and two grandsons, William Joseph Pavka and Roger Anthony.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Father James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in in California Cemetery in Branch County, Michigan, with military rites by the Montgomery American Legion Post.

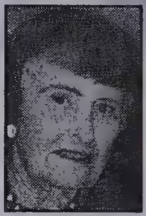
Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home home with a prayer service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to the Noble County Transit.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Maryellen Koons

OAK ISLAND, N.C. — Maryellen Smith Koons, 90, of Oak Island and Paradise Shores Condominiums in St. Petersburg, Fla., died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, at Dosher Hospital in Southport, N.C.


Mrs. Koons

Mrs. Koons was a homemaker.

She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Koons was born Oct. 26, 1919, in Rockville, Ind., to Luna Smith and Lillie Fi Della Swearingen Smith.

Her husband of 53 years Herbert William Koons preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter Marilyn McCarthy and her husband, Ronald, of Oak Island; two grandchildren, Courtney Stewart of Durham, N.C., and Michael McCarthy of Millbrook, Ala.; and two great-grandchildren, Adam and Zachary McCarthy.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Ind., on Thursday, November 3, at 11 a.m. Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is assisting the family.

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Iva Merrifield

LAGRANGE — Iva M. Merrifield, 88, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, at her residence.

She moved from Minot, N.D., to LaGrange in 1938 and was a homemaker and seamstress.

Mrs. Merrifield was a member of the LaGrange Missionary Church in LaGrange where she was very active. She was a member of the Plato Home Economics Club, Sharing Doll Club, Mentor Moms and taught child evangelism.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1921, in Kenmare, N.D., to William R. and Elma (Harris) Kauffman. On May 31, 1942, in Howe, she married Howard E. Merrifield. He preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 1982.

Surviving are six daughters and three sons-in-law, Sally and Jerry Weir and Peggy Ryan, all of LaGrange, Phyllis Thompson, Iron Station, N.C., Amy and Ed Layman, Burr Oak, Mich., Becky and David Mains Jr., Albion, and Bonnie Hurtekant, Elkhart; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Paul and Paula Merrifield, Fairbanks, Alaska, Neil Merrifield, Denver, N.C., Keith and Jamie Merrifield, Fort Wayne and Randy and Pat Merrifield, LaGrange; 33 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lois Franz, Mount Pleasant, Mich.; and a brother, Frank Kauffman, Goshen.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were: her parents; a son, Billy Merrifield; five sons-in-law; four grandchildren; two sisters; and four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, at the LaGrange First Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with the Revs. Brent Danielson, Brad Ulick and Josh Hossler officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Missionary Church or Gideon's International.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mary Hochstetler

MILLERSBURG — Mary C. Hochstetler, 65, of Millersburg died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the Calvin Hochstetler Residence, 67182 C.R. 37, Millersburg. Other arrangements are pending at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Coralyn Greenfield

Auburn — Coralyn J. Greenfield, 86, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

George Weicht

BUTLER — George H. Weicht, 88, died Wednesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Weicht was a farmer and a tool and die maker for ARO Corp. in Bryan, Ohio, and Mold Service of Butler.

He was a graduate of Butler High School.

Mr. Weicht was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Indiana Farm Bureau, Butler Lions and the National Farmers Organization.

He was born Oct. 27, 1921, in rural Butler to George A and Mary F. Morrow Weicht. He married Elaine Cosper on Sept. 12, 1942, in Butler. She preceded him in death on Dec. 3, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Ralph (Terry) Weicht of Waterloo and Gene Weicht of Butler; two daughters, Mary Trent of Columbia City and Nancy (Michael) Jehl of Butler; two grandsons that the Weichts raised, Sam (Tricia) Weicht of Butler and Steven (Katrina) Weicht of Butler; five other grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Dean, Cecil and William Weicht.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

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James Dipert

FINDLAY, Ohio — James E. "Jim" Dipert, 89, of Findlay died October 28, 2009, at Blanchard Valley Hospital after a brief illness. At the time he was a resident of The Heritage.

James Ernest Dipert was born in Findlay on May 31, 1920, to Mary Esther (Davis) Dipert and W. Ernest Dipert. He was the youngest of five children and attended Findlay City Schools. He played varsity tennis at Findlay High School and attended The Ohio State University, majoring in electrical engineering, where he was on the table tennis freshman team and an officer of the Independent Men's Association.

He served three years in the Coast Artillery of the United States Army during WW II as a radar technician and N.C.O. in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines.

He worked in Findlay as a plant engineer at the Buckeye Ditcher Co. on Crystal Avenue, which became a division of Gar Wood Industries. He worked as plant engineer at Daybrook-Ottawa in Bowling Green and Revco Refrigeration in Deerfield, Michigan. He became chief of industrial engineering and plant engineer at Weatherhead (later Dana) Corporation in Angola, Indiana.

He was on the architectural committee and active in the Findlay First E.U.B. Church, and later attended the Sylvania Methodist Church, Angola Methodist Church, McComb Presbyterian, and Trinity Episcopal in Findlay. He was a member and officer of the Toledo area association of welding engineers (American Welding Society) and the Lions Club of Angola.

In 1948 he married the former Joan Margaret Rinehart of Arlington and Findlay, and they had three children: Randall R. (Monika) Dipert of East Amherst, N.Y., Cynthia Sue Stickler (Lawrence) of Huntington, W.Va., and Margaret Marie Nichter (Thomas) of Shelby, N.C. He had a stepdaughter, Nancy Eckman Wolf, of New Orleans; and five grandchildren, Alan, Gwen, Katie, Jeff and Meredith;

One grandson, Colin Ernest, preceded him in death.

After the death of his first wife in 1985, he retired, moved back to Findlay, and married his friend from the third grade at Lincoln School, Norma (Harmes) Eckman. They lived and worked together until her death in 2008. He had hobbies and even second businesses that included photography, printing and publishing (Graphic Associates), sign painting, and in the last 10 years he had become an accomplished calligrapher. He and his wife worked together for many years at Books on Main and they hand manufactured the "Findlay Collectables," miniatures of Findlay area buildings.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery with graveside rites at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, with Christine Schutz officiating.

Visitation will be at the Kirkpatrick-Behnke Funeral Home, 500 Lima Ave, Findlay, today, Friday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to The Heritage, 2820 Greenacre Drive, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

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TILLY STEVENS 1923-2007

When you closed your eyes on this earth forever more,
When you took your last breath, were angels waiting by the door?
Standing with your loved ones, who had all gone before?
Were they anxiously waiting as you entered heaven's gate,
A glorious end, to a very long wait?
Does God know how much we love you and didn't want you to go?
Does God know how much we miss you and how it grieves us so?
Did he know what a treasure in heaven, that day you had arrived?
Did he know you were an angel, dead or alive?
Did he know the hearts you touched with your kind and gentle ways?
Did he know you served him faithfully, all your living days?
Did he really know your worth and did he reward you for your deeds on this earth?
Does he see the endless tears we shed for you each day,
The sorrow and the grief inside, since you went away?
Does he know that someday when my life is over and my time on earth is through,
I'll not ask him for anything else.
I'll only ask for you.

- Always in our hearts - Love, Your Children

James Stuller

HELMER — James V. Stuller, age 52, of Helmer died on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at Dekalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Auburn on February 12, 1957, to William V. and Martha L. (Sprague) Stuller.

Mr. Stuller worked at A-1 Production in Kendallville for 15 years.

He liked to fish and and be outside. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Along with being outside, Mr. Stuller also loved listening to music.

Survivors include his partner, Carla J. Halferty of Helmer; three sons, Scott and Bridget Stuller of Waterloo,

Trenton Stuller of Auburn and Nathan Stuller of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Bill Stuller of Goshen; and one sister, Karen and Dave Davidson of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Patti Stuller and Bonnie Heimert.

Visitation will be today, Friday, October 30, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 31, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh of the Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo officiating.

Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery in Corunna, Indiana.

View a video tribute by today, Friday, October 30, 2009 or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Coralyn Greenfield

AUBURN — Coralyn J. Greenfield, 86, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Greenfield

Mrs. Greenfield worked for the Rieke Corp. during the early 1940s. She then became a librarian at the Eckhart Public Library for 25 years, retiring in 1984. During her employment with the library, she was one of the co-founders of the Children's Library.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She was born Dec. 6, 1922, in Steuben County to Ralph and Cora (Barkley) Leas. She married Edwin C. Greenfield on Oct. 29, 1943, in Salem Center. He died Dec. 28, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David M. and Donna Greenfield of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dennis Greenfield; one sister, Gladys C. Leas; and one stepgrandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or the Eckhart Public Library Children's Services.

Ethan Burton

CHURUBUSCO — Ethan Lane Burton, infant son of Kenton L. and Victoria (Arnett) Burton of rural Churubusco was stillborn at 2:34 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Private family graveside services will be held at the Eel River Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave a condolence for the family, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Mary Hochstetler

MILLERSBURG — Mary C. Hochstetler, 65, of Millersburg died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. She had been in declining health for a year.

Mrs. Hochstetler was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born July 30, 1944, in LaGrange County to Chris J. and Katie A. (Beechy) Kurtz. She married Daniel Lee Hochstetler on March 17, 1966, in LaGrange County. He died Nov. 28, 1992.

Surviving are three daughters, Rosanna (Kent) Beers of Millersburg, Catherine (Corey) Martin of Middlebury, and Betty (special friend Steve Stout, Elkhart) Hochstetler of Millersburg; three sons, David J. (Velma) Hochstetler of Millersburg, Omer (Miriam) Hochstetler of Millersburg and Calvin (Inez) Hochstetler of Millersburg; 14 grandchildren; a sister, Anna Gingerich of Wolcottville; a brother, Jacob (Mary) Kurtz of Topeka; and a foster sister, Amanda (Irvin) Miller of Oklahoma.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Wilbur Hochstetler; and a sister, Elmina Bontrager.

Calling will be all day today at the Calvin Hochstetler residence, 67178 C.R .37, Millersburg.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the same site with Bishop Amos Wingard and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Angola's first lady grew in role

Becoming mayor's wife brought out best in Thelma Beer

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — For much of her life, Thelma Beer, who died Oct. 11 in Angola, seemed content, her children said, to manage their family home and do volunteer work, and stay in the background behind her more outgoing husband, Roman.

Then Roman became Mayor of Angola.

"Mom was always soft-spoken and quiet," daughter Martha Crooks said. "It (being first lady of Angola) kind of brought it out of her a little more. She was always proud of dad and his achievements. Family was always first, then friends after that. The people close to her were very important."

"I think she easily followed Dad's lead, he was so outgoing," daughter Sarah Lane said.

Crooks said her mother would often say that she and Roman were simply different kinds of people. "'That's where Roman and I were different,'" Thelma would say. "'Roman is a type-A person, and I'm a type-D person. I move slowly and speak slowly. He's always six steps ahead of me.'"

The children said that their mother blossomed through her work on various boards and as a volunteer. Beer served as head of the building committee at what was then known as Shelter Ministries, now RISE Inc., which helped to build the organization's current facility. She served for many years and in many different capacities at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, and as a member of the hospital auxiliary at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Thelma Beer valued her family above all things. With her are her children and their spouses, Sarah and Jim Lane, left, Karl and Portia Beer, Martha and Jeff Crooks and Ruth and Dave Wappes.

"I think volunteering at the hospital brought her out a little more," Lane said. "She really enjoyed it. It gave her a sense of purpose, and she saw a lot of people. She initiated a lot of contacts that way."

"She loved reaching out to people, she was always a people person," Crooks said.

Daughter Ruth Wappes said she wasn't sure her mother really understood how many people she had touched in her community through her volunteer work.

"She was always busy," Wappes said. "I don't think she had an idea the amount of lives she touched or the amount of love and respect the people of the community had for her. She was someone a lot of people could confide in and could be sure that what they said would go no further. And the advice she would give people would be what they needed to hear, not what they wanted to hear. It was the same way with us. She would always keep us in her prayers, she was just a really neat lady."

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Wappes said her mother was a person of extraordinary faith, and served as a role model for many along their faith journey as a catechism teacher at the church. She would also prepare meals for funeral services at the church, creating a menu hat is still in use at the church today, Wappes said. "She was a wonderful role model of how to be a good person and a good mother."

Lane remembered instances where, like many Catholics, her mother would say a prayer to St. Anthony to help in finding some lost item. When her father, a convert to Catholicism, would lose something, Lane said he'd always ask her mother to say the prayer. When the item would be found, he'd thank her. "Then she'd say, 'Now say thank you to St. Anthony,'" Lane said.

Both Beers always put family first as the children grew up, they said.

"No matter what, we always had dinner as a family at 6 p.m.," son Karl Beer said. "Even when I got into athletics, and I had practice every night. It always worked out. Mom would always have a hot dinner at 6 p.m. Everyone shared things about their day."

During summers, especially, Thelma would always promise a trip to the lake to swim if the children finished their household chores, they said.

As Roman's health deteriorated — he died in 2007 — all of Beer's children say Thelma really became the public face of the family.

"When dad was homebound, she took up more of the role of initiating contact with people. She kind of surprised us with how assertive she got late in life," Lane said. "She became more confident."

"She ended up being a very strong woman," Karl said. "Not only physically, but in terms of keeping everything together."

Nora Hatton

LAOTTO — Nora Hatton, 81, of LaOtto, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God.

On April 29, 1928 in Breathit County, Ky., she was born to James C. and Fannie (Little) Harmon.

She married Ben Hatton Jr. on May 10, 1947. He preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 1999.

Surviving are: four daughters, Wanda Swonger, Helmer, Kathleen and Larry Rusher, Fort Wayne, Debra and Robert Leeman, Kendallville, and Carrie and Leif Smedberg, Garrett; five sons, Ben Hatton, John Hatton, James and Kerri Hatton, Dean and Telicia Hatton and Lloyd and Lois Hatton, all of Garrett; a brother, Junior Harmon, Kokomo; three sisters, Kathleen Ousley, Ashley, Flora Handshoe, Kendallville, and Carrie Shepard, Kalamazoo, Mich.; 19 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, sons Donald and Robert Hatton, son-in-law Dale Swonger, four brothers, a sister and a grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Forrest VanGundy officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery.

Calling will from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley's Children's Hospital. To sign the guestbook or send condolences online visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Mary Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Ruth Bontrager, 50, of Shipshewana, died at noon Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Calvin Miller residence, 0700 N. S.R. 5, Shipshewana. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the DeWayne Schrock residence, 7765 W. 075N, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Norman Biddle

LIGONIER — Norman Jack Biddle, 83, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Calling will be 1-8 p.m. Wednesday and one prior to services at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Grace Ingledue

PLEASANT LAKE — Grace June Ingledue, 95, of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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November 2, 2009, Monday

Norman Biddle

LIGONIER — Norman Jack Biddle, 83 of Ligonier died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital unexpectedly as the result of natural causes.

Mr. Biddle was born July 29, 1926, at Wolf Lake to Chester & Elsie Pauline (Sarrnow) Biddle. He was a lifetime area resident. He worked in plumbing and heating for several decades and previously owned and operated Biddle's Restaurant & Tavern in Cromwell.

Mr. Biddle

Norman graduated from Cromwell High School and went on to serve his country honorably during World War II in the U.S. Army. He was a man that was dedicated to his country and his community. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Cromwell and was also a member of numerous civic organizations, including the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier where he was a past commander and currently served as a district office holder. He was also a member of the Forty & Eight, Eagles 1763 of Ligonier, Elks Lodge 1194, Cromwell Masonic Lodge, and a charter member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

Surviving are his companion of 22 years, Charlene Gehring of Ligonier; four children, Paula (Larry) Gingerich of Ligonier, Ken (Toby) Biddle of Pierceton, Jody (David) Franklin Sr. of Syracuse and Tim (Fay) Biddle of Syracuse; four stepchildren, Cindy (Dave) Swank of Ligonier, Susan Rittenberry of Kimmell, Mike (Marsha) Maggert of Cromwell and Penny Beerman of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier with Pastor Dennis Judy of North Webster Church of God officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, from 1-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Nurses Training Fund,100 S. Main St., Ligonier, IN 46767

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Alyssa Macias

LIGONIER — Infant Alyssa Marie Macias died unexpectedly Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Lauretta Weideman

GOSHEN — Lauretta F. Weideman, 85, of Goshen and formerly of Elkhart died at home Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart. Burial will be at Rice Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, Elkhart, and 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Sammye Jackson

GaARRETT — Sammye J. Jackson, 67, of Garrett died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

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Mary Jean Custer

GARRETT — Mary Jean Custer, 83, died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009 at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 10, 1925, in Garrett, to Carl E. and Beryl E. (Davis) Bonnett.

Mrs. Custer

She was employed at Electric Motors in Garrett and Kraft Foods in Kendallville before becoming the secretary to the mayor of Garrett for 14 years, retiring in 1991.

She was a member of the Living Waters Community Church in Garrett.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Holly Custer of Garrett; one brother, Paul Bonnett of Fort Wayne; one sister, Judith Becker of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters and their husbands, Ivy and Kevin Merriman of Huntertown, Shannon and Joe Day of Garrett, and Angela Custer, serving in the U.S. Air Force in Turkey; and a grandson and his wife, Shane and Maria Custer of Garrett. Also surviving are three great-grandsons, Aiden Custer of Garrett and Clint and Douglas Merriman of Huntertown; and two great-granddaughters, Alicia and Marissa Merriman of Huntertown.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bruce Custer; and a sister, Shirley Bonnett.

There will be no calling.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Rev. H. Dean Morris will officiate.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org

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Laila Longstreth

TOPEKA — Laila Jean Longstreth, 78, of Topeka died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, at 8:27 p.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange, after a brief illness.

She was born May 6, 1931, in Murraysville, W.V. to William G. & Myrtle (Hughes) Boggs. On Sept. 6, 1983, she married Robert Longstreth; he survives.

She moved to the area in 1991, coming from Lakeview, Ohio. She worked for Sears for 22 years and was involved in the trucking business with her husband until their retirement in 1992. She was a wonderful grandmother, enjoyed gardening and was an avid reader.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Longstreth of Topeka; six children, Robert (Barbara) Bever of Athens, Tenn., Karen (David) Richter of Merced, Calif., Ronald (Mary) Bever of Akron, Ohio, Sherry (Michael) Burley of Clinton, Ohio, Sandra (Samuel) Smith of Akron and Debra Mast of Wolcottville; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Margaret Milhoan of Murraysville, Leila June Gorrell of Akron and Billy Irene Rardin of Lamont, Iowa; and six stepchildren, Robert Longstreth Jr. of Courtland, Ohio, Daniel Longstreth of Lakeview, Bonnie Longstreth of Warren, Ohio,Tommy Longstreth of Warren, Lucille Longstreth, Newton Falls, Ohio, & Debra White of Warren.

She was preceded in death by her Parents and one brother, Jake Boggs.

Services will be Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Maple Grove Church, 806 S. Main St., Topeka, with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 109 E Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761, or the charity of the donor's choice.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Grace Ingledue

PLEASANT LAKE — Grace June Ingledue, 95, of Pleasant Lake died Oct. 31, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born June 1, 1914 at Pleasant Lake to Bert and Mabel (Crampton) Wolf, who preceded her in death. She married Walter J. Ingledue on Dec. 25, 1932. He preceded her in death Dec. 8, 1998.

She was a homemaker in her own home and a lifelong member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Pleasant Lake.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death with her parents and husband were three sisters, Ruth Harman, Agnes Harman and Berta McAlpin.

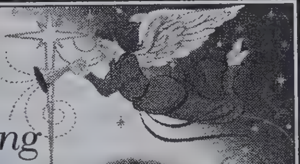
Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Lake Baptist Church with Pastor George Foulk officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Happy 34th Birthday
Daisy Mae DeLong

November 1, 1975 - December 31, 1995



Forever in our hearts,
Sisters - Tracy & Krystal, Daughter - Angel Beth, Mother - Ester, Nephews - Zaden & Justis, Stepfather - Myles, and before her; Father - Neal & After Her; Brother - Danny, **Family & Friends**

THE NEWS SUN
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November 3, 2009, Tuesday

Pamela Tackett

ALBION — Pamela Marie Tackett, age 54, of Albion, Ind., passed away at 3:27 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Tackett

Born on August 20, 1955, in Columbia City, she was the daughter of Harold Leroy and Rose Marie (Lindsey) Fry.

She attended Central Noble High School and graduated from Wayne Beauty College, Fort Wayne, with a degree in cosmetology.

She spent her lifetime in Whitley and Noble counties and worked at Lyall Electric, Cromwell Products and Tenneco Automotive, Ligonier, Ind., for the past 20 years as a machine operator.

She was a former member of the Wawasee Women's Bowling League, Syracuse.

Survivors include her daughter, Heidi C. (Kenny) Noe of Albion, Ind.; granddaughter, Karmen L. Noe of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two grandsons, Alex E. and Zachary R. Noe, both of Albion, Ind.; companion, Fred L. Hass of Albion, Ind.; mother, Rose Marie Fry of Columbia City, Ind.; sister, Toni R. Gomez of Columbia City, Ind.; brother, Len (Tami) L. Fry of Columbia City; sister, Debbie S. Bitting of Kendallville; brothers, Ed (Joannie) Fry and Chad (Holly) E. Fry, both of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Leroy Fry; second husband, Leo Tackett; and nephew, Troy E. Bridegan.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, Ind.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Sharon Brockhaus, DeMoney-Grimes certified funeral celebrant, officiating. Burial will follow at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Tackett's memory to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Keith Little

BUTLER — Keith E. Little, 77, of Butler died Monday at Parkview Nursing Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Little had served as a janitor at Butler Elementary School for more than 27 years. He retired in 1993.

He was born on June 1, 1932, in Garrett to Firm and Alverda (Alwood) Little.

Surviving are his extended family, Bob and Maxine Meyer of Edgerton, Ohio, and Donna Meyer of Edgerton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Mr. Little will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with calling one hour before services.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 3, 2009, Tuesday

Sammye Jackson

GARRETT — Sammye Jean Jackson, age 67 of Garrett, Ind., died on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

Mrs. Jackson

She was born August 29, 1942, in Hindman, Ky., to John and Freda (Butcher) Kilgore. She married Harry G. Jackson Jr. on March 22, 1986, in Garrett.

Sammye was a cheese maker at County Line Cheese for 19 years.

She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She loved to read, do art projects and collect antiques.

She is survived by her husband, Harry G. Jackson Jr. of Garrett, Ind.; a daughter, Katherine Kilgore of Batavia, Ohio; and three stepsons, Jeffrey Scott Jackson of Auburn, Ind., Mark Allen and Tina Jackson of Garrett, Ind., and Gregory W. and Deb Jackson of Fort Wayne, Ind. She is also survived by three brothers, George and Shelva Kilgore of Burlington, Ky.; John and Mary Kay Kilgore of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Chad and Dee Kilgore of Auburn, Ind.; five sisters, Dorothy and Ralph Summers of Auburn, Shelia and Rick Bush of Sparta, Tenn., Marlene and Dillard Bentley of Brinkley, Ky., Madeline Chaffins of Garrett and Gwen Kilgore of Hindman, Ky.; four granddaughters, Siobhan Elizabeth Stephenson of Batavia, Ohio, Emily Jackson of Auburn, Destiny Jackson of Garrett, and Hannah Jackson of Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Devon Jackson of Garrett. There are also several nieces and nephews surviving.

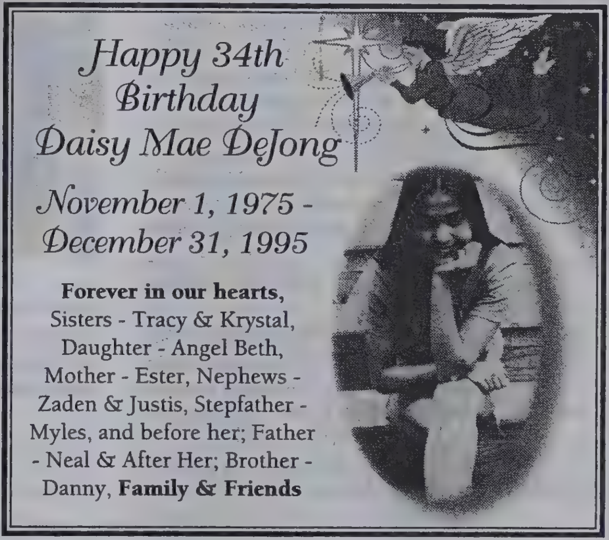
She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Tammy Simons; a son, Timmy Simons; and a brother, Charles R. Kilgore.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind., with services to be held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 6, 2009, at the funeral home with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating.

Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.



Happy 34th Birthday
Daisy Mae DeJong

November 1, 1975 -
December 31, 1995

Forever in our hearts,
Sisters - Tracy & Krystal,
Daughter - Angel Beth,
Mother - Ester, Nephews -
Zaden & Justis, Stepfather -
Myles, and before her; Father
- Neal & After Her; Brother -
Danny, **Family & Friends**

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 4, 2009, Wednesday

Paul Potts

AUBURN — Paul R. Potts, 65, of Auburn died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, at Betz Villas in Auburn.

Mr. Potts was self employed for much of his life. He also worked for nearly 30 years for Martz Farms and for 15 years for Klink Trucking and for approximately five years for Bear Creek Trucking.

Mr. Potts

He was born Dec. 1, 1943, in DeKalb County to Elmer and Juanita (Shaw) Potts. He married Lucy M. Mansfield of Kendallville on June 16, 1968. They later divorced and he married Rita Rathburn and later Georgia Timmis. Both of those marriages also ended in divorce.

Surviving are a brother, Eugene Potts of Illinois; two sisters, Dorothy Potts of Mishawaka and Fairy Potts of New Castle; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dale L. Potts and Heather M. Potts, both of Pleasant Lake, and Robert W. Potts of Corunna; five grandchildren, Natosha Potts, Chad Potts, Kylee Potts, Taylor Farr and Zachary Potts; and five stepgrandchildren, Karrie DeGraw, Phillip Sprague, Christopher Martinez, Cody Bute and Tylor Bute.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Paul Eugene Potts.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with a dinner to follow.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at the funeral home.

John Kuhn

SEBRING, Fla. — John Clifford Kuhn, 80, of Sebring and formerly of Noble and Kosciusko counties died Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, at his Sebring home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Sebring.

Oveta Radovic

KENDALLVILLE — Oveta N. "Tootie" Radovic, 91, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville with Jim Piepenbrok of VFW Post 2749 officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, 1305 S. Sherman St., Kendallville, Indiana, 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's paper.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 4, 2009, Wednesday

Glen Alan Barr, 75

Glen Alan "Bud" Barr, age 75, of Kendallville, died on Monday, October 26, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Bud was born in Wolf Lake on August 12, 1934 to the late Homer Lee and Mabel Mary (Bonar) Barr. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1952 and entered the United States Army during peacetime and served his country from 1957-'58.

He married Patricia Lou Rowe on February 1, 1959 in Kendallville. Bud was employed with the Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for 42+ years. He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville where he faithfully served as usher.

He was a past member for many years of the Kendallville Jaycees and past president of the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals. Bud was involved with the Kendallville Youth Baseball as a coach for many years and one of his favorite pastimes was going fishing.

Survivors include: his wife of 50 years, Patricia Barr of Kendallville; four sons, Craig Linthicum of Kendallville, Bret (Tonya) Barr of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Joe Barr of Albion, and Todd Barr of Kendallville; fourteen grandchildren; Carie (Dane) Brandgard, Drew Linthicum, Cody Linthicum, Nikki (Rob) Galbraith, Danelle Barr, Carl W. Haggerman, Kaitlin Barr, Emalee Barr, Kyle Barr, Connor Barr, Dezaray Barr, and Joshua Barr; eight great-grandchildren, Allyson Brandgard, Leif Brandgard, Lars Brandgard, Hanna Brandgard, Alaura Linthicum, Jackson Linthicum, Kingston Linthicum and Alexis Jade Folis; three sisters, Sally (Jim) Grawthrop of Kimmell, Betty (Carl) McKee of Terre Haute, and Sandy (Woody) Halsey of Woodburn.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Celestial Breeze Linthicum.

Funeral Services were Thursday, October 29, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or School.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Suzanne Koontz-Hood, 81

ALBION – Suzanne Koontz – Hood, 81, of Albion and formerly of Kendallville and Fort Wayne passed away on Monday, October 26, 2009 at the Northridge Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Hood was born on June 19, 1928 in Roanoke, Indiana to the late Alfred and Gladys (Kinsey) Koontz. In 1981 she married Kingston L. Hood, he passed away in August of 2007.

In her earlier years she had been a model and a member of the Follies at the Civic Theatre in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by two sons Jeff (Le Ann) Perry of Albion and Scott (Barb) Perry of Angola; two daughters Jana (Val) Eylands of Arkansas and Jo Ann Jones of Fairfax, Virginia; nine grandchildren; Jennifer Craft, Weston Perry, Colin Perry, Ramon Perry, Brenda Fresch, Sam Perry, Diane Perry, Toby Jones and Amanda Jones; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Dr. William Koontz M.D. of Gas City, Indiana.

Her husband, parents and one sister, Jody Koontz, preceded her in death.

Funeral Services were on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel. Daughter-in-law Le Ann Perry officiated the service.

Cremation followed the service.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Asbury United Methodist Church Music Department.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 4, 2009, Wednesday

Pamela Marie Tackett, 54

ALBION – Pamela Marie Tackett, age 54, of Albion, IN passed away at 3:27 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 at Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN.

Born on August 20, 1955 in Columbia City, she was the daughter of Harold Leroy and Rose Marie (Lindsey) Fry.

She attended Central Noble High School and graduated from Wayne Beauty College, Fort Wayne, with a degree in Cosmetology. She spent her lifetime in Whitley and Noble Counties and worked at Lyall Electric, Cromwell Products and Tenneco Automotive, Ligonier, IN for the past 20 years as a machine operator. She was a former member of the Wawasee Women's Bowling League, Syracuse.

Survivors include her daughter, Heidi C. (Kenny) Noe of Albion, IN; granddaughter, Karmen L. Noe of Fort Wayne, IN; two grandsons, Alex E. and Zachary R. Noe both of Albion, IN; companion, Fred L. Hass of Albion, IN; mother, Rose Marie Fry of Columbia City, IN; sister, Toni R. Gomez of Columbia City, IN; brother, Len (Tami) L. Fry of Columbia City, sister, Debbie S. Bitting of Kendallville, brother, Ed (Joannie) Fry and Chad (Holly) E. Fry both of Columbia City; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Leroy Fry, second husband, Leo Tackett and nephew, Troy E. Bridegan.

Visitation is from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN. Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Sharon Brockhaus, DeMoney-Grimes Certified Funeral Celebrant, officiating. Burial will follow at Sweet Cemetery, Albion. Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Tackett's memory to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Audrey Lee Wallen, 73

KENDALLVILLE – Audrey Lee Wallen, age 73, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wallen was born in Mousie, Kentucky on February 15, 1936 to the late Clint and Ellen (Conley) Goodman.

She married Cledis Wallen on June 13, 1955 in Kendallville and he preceded her death August 7, 2005.

Mrs. Wallen was employed with Flint & Walling in Kendallville and retired from there after 25 years of service.

She was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. Audrey enjoyed watching her favorite soap operas, making crafts, playing bingo, shopping and going to garage sales. She loved family gatherings and getting together for the holidays with her family.

Her survivors include: two sons, Vernon (Brenda) Wallen of Wawaka and Gregory and Michelle Wallen of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Lisa Wallen of Kendallville; ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren; three sisters, Jean and Clester Coburn of Corunna, Ella Dean Mitchell of Kendallville, and Betty Goodman of Kendallville; five brothers, Bill (Carolyn) Goodman of Mongo, Claude "Bird" (Kim) Goodman of Wolcottville, Harold Goodman of Texas, David (Joann) Goodman of Stroh, and James "Bud" (Deb) Goodman of Stroh.

She was also preceded in death by brother, Elmer "Red" Goodman.

Funeral Services were Friday, October 30, 2009 at 10:00am at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Lee Combs. Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 4, 2009, Wednesday

Norman Jack Biddle, 83

LIGONIER — Norman Jack Biddle, 83 of Ligonier died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital unexpectedly as the result of natural causes.

Mr. Biddle was born July 29, 1926, at Wolf Lake to Chester & Elsie Pauline (Sarnow) Biddle. He was a lifetime area resident. He worked in plumbing and heating for several decades and previously owned and operated Biddle's Restaurant & Tavern in Cromwell.

Norman graduated from Cromwell High School and went on to serve his country honorably during World War II in the U.S. Army. He was a man that was dedicated to his country and his community. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Cromwell and was also a member of numerous civic organizations, including the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier where he was a past commander and currently served as a district office holder. He was also a member of the Forty & Eight, Eagles 1763 of Ligonier, Elks Lodge 1194, Cromwell Masonic Lodge, and a charter member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

Surviving are his companion of 22 years, Charlene Gehring of Ligonier; four children, Paula (Larry) Gingerich of Ligonier, Ken (Toby) Biddle of Pierceton, Jody (David) Franklin Sr. of Syracuse and Tim (Fay) Biddle of Syracuse; four stepchildren, Cindy (Dave) Swank of Ligonier, Susan Rittenberry of Kimmell, Mike (Marsha) Maggert of Cromwell and Penny Beerman of Fort Wayne; twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier with Pastor Dennis Judy of North Webster Church of God officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, from 1-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Nurses Training Fund,100 S. Main St., Ligonier, IN 46767

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 5, 2009, Thursday

Kimmell crash claims driver

BY AMY OBERLIN
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KIMMELL — An Elkhart man died Wednesday night after the 1991 Dodge Caravan he was driving struck a tree off Clark Street.

Benjamin C. Graham, 20, died at the scene of the crash on northbound U.S. 33, said a report from Noble County Sheriff's Department. Graham veered off the north side of the road, careening 322 feet before striking a tree.

The reason for the crash is unknown, the report said. It occurred at 8:20 p.m.

A passenger in the vehicle, Connie V. Graham of Elkhart, was flown to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne by Samaritan helicopter.

Parkview had no information about Graham late Wednesday.

Barbara Rees

AUBURN — Barbara Jean Rees, 77, of Auburn and formerly of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Rees

Mrs. Rees most recently ran a flea market in Muncie. Prior to operating the flea market, she worked as a housekeeper for the Lindenwood College in St. Louis, Mo.

She was born July 19, 1932, in St. Charles, Mo., to Bill and Dorthy Yarnell. They both preceded her in death.

She married Raymond Rees in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1960 and he died in 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Diana Rees of Germany; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gail Estes and Mike Shockley of Angola, and Connie and Mike Brogan of Muncie; four sisters; one brother; and 14 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patty Beck; two sons, Johnny Beck and Kenny Beck; and a brother.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Gail Estes.

April Hartung

COLUMBIA CITY — April Elaine Hartung, 41, of Columbia City died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with the Rev. Mitchell Kruse officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hartung family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Alyssa Macias

KENDALLVILLE — Newborn Alyssa Marie Macias died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, at 4:58 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at noon at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Father Wilson Corzo will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Yeager Funeral in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Oveta Radovic

KENDALLVILLE — Oveta N. "Tootie" Radovic, 91, of Kendallville died Tuesday, November 3, 2009, in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Radovic was a lifetime area resident, having also resided in Phoenix, Arizona, for a short time.

Mrs. Radovic

She was employed by McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She was a charter member, the first president, and a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

She was born July 27, 1918, in Woodville, Ohio, to William Frank and Georgiana (Stevens) Zimmerman.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Darron and Linda Burkett of Kendallville; a niece, Veryle "Susie" Weimer of Kendallville; and three great-nephews, Lang Beiswanger, Lee Beiswanger and Lew Beiswanger.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Radovic in 1990; a sister, Allegra "Pinkie" Uhl; and a brother, Marcel Zimmerman.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 6, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Jim Piepenbrok of VFW Post 2749 officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Casketbearers will be members of VFW Post 2749.

Calling is today, Thursday, November 5, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, 1305 S. Sherman St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Helen Bloomer

AUBURN — Helen Bloomer, 77, of Auburn died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Condolences may be sent online to www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Michael Combest

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Aaron Combest, 68, died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at his home in Indianapolis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be at Keightly Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. tonight at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, and one hour prior to services Saturday at Miller-Stewart.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Community Home Health Services, 9894 E. 121st St., Fishers, IN 46037.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 6, 2009, Friday

Police find body

Authorities believe it's missing Fremont man

BY MIKE MARTURELLO
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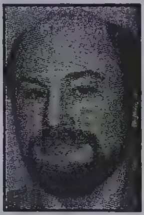
SNOW LAKE — A body believed to be a man missing since Oct. 11 has been found in a heavily wooded area near his Snow Lake home.

Authorities think the body is Stuart Stalcup, 48, who went missing early Oct. 11. It was found Thursday morning by Indiana State Police and the Steuben County Sheriff's Department.


Stalcup

State Police Sgt. Mike Harris, flying in a plane late Wednesday, noticed something suspicious on the ground in a wooded area between Lane 850 and Lane 840.

"He saw something" that prompted closer examination "and he went out there this morning and found the body," Sheriff Rick Lewis said.

The body, wearing clothes Stalcup's parents said he had on when he left their home on foot, was about 30 yards south of S.R. 120 in an undeveloped area just north of Lakeview Addition to Snow Lake. Stalcup lived at his parents' home on Lane 852, Lakeview East, about a quarter-mile from where he was found.

It is expected that an autopsy will be conducted today to determine the cause of death and make a positive identification, Lewis said.

On Oct. 11, the day Stalcup went missing, personnel from several agencies searched the immediate area of his home on the lake with boats and the ground by plane and mounted personnel.

Connie Richards

KENDALLVILLE — Connie Richards, 49, wife of Ron Richards, died Thursday afternoon at home.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery.

Complete obituary information will be in Saturday's edition.

Daniel Beachy

MILLERSBURG — Daniel M. Beachy, 81, of Millersburg died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Leonard Hostetler residence, 3550 S. C.R. 1000W, Millersburg. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be after noon on Saturday and all day Sunday at the Leonard Hostetler residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Helen Bloomer

AUBURN — Helen Bloomer, 77, of Auburn died Wednesday Nov. 4, 2009, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Bloomer had been employed at Essex Wire for 20 years before she retired.

Mrs. Bloomer

She was a member of The Freedom to Worship Church of God in Altona.

She was born May 13, 1932, in Blackwater, Va., to Ira and Dora Moore.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Ruby Bloomer of Garrett, Shirley Friend of Butler, Donna and Tommy Keene of Butler and Billie Champion of Kendallville; three sisters, Vivian Collingsworth, Orphia Cooper and Gladys Cox, all of Auburn; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Roberta Freed and Bea Ramsey; and a brother, Carson Moore.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Joe Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Frank Shelton III, Clet Shelton, William Forrest, Jeremy Champion, Jai Bloomer and John Falter. A luncheon in Mrs. Bloomer's honor will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Maria's House of Pancakes on U.S. 6 at Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To sign the guest book or to leave an online condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Ryan Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Ryan R. "Spike" Zimmerman, 36, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Zimmerman lived his entire life in LaGrange and Steuben counties.

Mr. Zimmerman

He had worked as a station manager for S&S Oil.

Mr. Zimmerman was a member of the Sons of the American Legion at Orland American Legion Post 423 in Orland, Moose Lodge 1568 in Angola; and Angola Masonic Lodge 236 F&AM in Angola.

He was also very active with Little League baseball both as a coach in Orland and as an umpire.

Mr. Zimmerman was born Jan. 8, 1973, in LaGrange to Raymond E. and Sharlla (Coney) Zimmerman.

Surviving are his mother, Sharlla Zimmerman of Angola; his stepfather, Allan Hentzell of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond "Pete" and Shonda Zimmerman of Fremont; two stepbrothers and a stepsister-in-law, Allan Hentzell of Pleasant Lake and Chris and Amanda Hentzell of Hamilton; his grandmother, Mildred Coney of LaGrange; his stepgrandparents, Art and Hazel Hentzell of LaGrange; a nephew, Phillip Hurley of Fremont; a great-nephew, Brayden Hurley of Fremont; and two godchildren, Danita and Nicholas Clark of Stroh.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Zimmerman on March 27, 1986; and his grandparents, Harry L. and Vera J. Zimmerman and Kenny Coney.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2009, from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home with a Masonic service by Angola Lodge No. 236 at 6 p.m.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurípmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Harold Eyer

CHURUBUSCO — Harold E. Eyer, 89, of Churubusco, died at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with burial in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and at the church one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Alyssa Macias

LIGONIER — Newborn Alyssa Marie Macias died at 4:58 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She is survived by her parents, Jose A. Macias and Heather R. Taylor-Macias of Ligonier; three brothers, Jose Taylor, Gustavo Taylor and Fernando Macias, all of Ligonier; a grandmother, Arlene Fran Collins of Ligonier; a grandfather, Larry B. Taylor of Ligonier; and other grandparents, Hermelinda Reyes and David Macias of Mexico.

Alyssa Macias

She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Noah Macias on Oct. 28, 2008.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, at noon at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

The Yeager Funeral in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

James Souder

GARRETT — James A. Souder, age 61 of Garrett, Ind., died at 10:41 a.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

He was born January 4, 1948, in Garrett, Ind., to James N. and Alice M. (Dilgard) Souder. He married Peggy J. Bacon on April 14, 1981, in Las Vegas, Nev., and she survives in Garrett.

He worked at Eaton Corporation in the sales department for 34 years, retiring in 2002. He then worked at JY Design and Print from 2002 until the present.

James loved his family, friends and especially Notre Dame sports.

James is survived by his wife, Peggy J. Souder of Garrett, Ind.; and three daughters, Tana and Dugan Hoffmann of Fort Wayne, Carla and Dave Placencia of Kendallville and Bailee Souder of Garrett. He is also survived by his two grandsons, Austin and Xander Hoffmann of Fort Wayne, and four granddaughters, Jillian Hoffmann of Fort Wayne, Erin Heyman of Butler and Amber Placencia and Ashlie Placencia, both of Kendallville; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Workman, Vista, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Linda Bacon of Kokomo; and his mother-in-law, Anita Bacon of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James N. Souder and Alice M. Hedges.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind.

There will be no services.

Burial will take place at Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to Parkinson's Research or Push America — Raising Disability Awareness.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 7, 2009, Saturday

Connie Richards

KENDALLVILLE — Connie Louise Richards, age 49, of Kendallville died on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at home.

Mrs. Richards was born in Angola on April 12, 1960, to Richard DeWayne and Sharon Ann Kunce.

She married Ronald Lee Richards on March 10, 1978, at the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren near Corunna.

Mrs. Richards

Connie was a supervisor at Dana Corporation in Albion for 13 years.

Survivors include: her husband, Ron Richards of Kendallville; son, Jason and Jennifer Richards of Auburn; daughter, Jenna and Dennis Easterday of Kendallville; one granddaughter, Dasia Richards; parents, Richard and Sharon Kunce of Kendallville; sisters, Marcia and Terry McKee of Hudson and Karen and Don Bish of Brimfield; grandmother, Louise Pepple of Corunna; and father and mother-in-law, Larry and Pat Richards of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Lincoln Pepple and Clair Kunce.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 8, 2009, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 9, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Jim Kane.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Casketbearers will be Dan Moore, Don Bish, the Bryant brothers, Chuck Kunce, Terry McKee and Tyler McKee.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Richards family or to cancer research.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Joyce Koch

AUBURN — Joyce A. Koch, 57, of Auburn, passed away after her courageous three-year battle with multiple myeloma on Friday, Nov. 6, 2009 at her parents' home surrounded by her family.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1952, in Van Wert, Ohio.

Ms. Koch

Joyce was a graduate of DeKalb High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from IPFW.

She was currently employed as a transcriptionist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for the last 14 years and had previously worked in the accounting department at the Auburn Foundry for five years, Dioceses of Fort Wayne-South Bend, U.S. Postal Service Remote Encoding Center and Mutual Securities Life Insurance Company for 20 years.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Joyce enjoyed the company of her nieces and nephews. Her hobbies were sewing, gardening, fishing, cooking and reading.

Surviving are her parents, Vitus and Ruth (Minick) Koch of Auburn; brothers and sisters-in-law, Stephen and Debra Koch of Spencerville, Anthony Koch and his companion, Kathy Patton, of Auburn and William and Alicia Koch of Auburn; a sister, Maureen Koch of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, with visiting one hour prior, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. 7th St., Auburn.

Visiting also Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are Masses or to International Myeloma Foundation.

To sign the guest book or leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 7, 2009, Saturday

Keith Fee

MOORPARK, Calif. — Keith E. Fee, 71, of Moorpark, Calif., and formerly of Garrett, died Oct. 26, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Fee

He was born Jan. 8, 1938, in Garrett, to John A. and Mabel (Houlton) Fee.

After graduating from Garrett High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After serving four years in the Navy, he pursued a career in computers.

He was a member of the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Semi Valley. Calif., and was a member of a bowling league in Moorpark.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Fee of Moorpark, children and spouses, Paula and Eric VanDuser of Northridge, Calif., Steven Vazquez, Tony Vasquezand Diane and Ephraim Gutierrez, all of California, Wayne Pierret and Brian Pierret; 11 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale and Anne Fee of Lansing, Mich., and Bob and Coleen Fee of Waterloo; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Musser of Auburn, Margaret and Ralph Ford of Auburn and Twyla Hutsell of Naples, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, John L. Fee and Billy D. Fee, and a sister, Ida Mae Frain.

Services took place Sunday, Nov. 1, in Moorpark.

A memorial service will take place at a later date in Waterloo.

Jack Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Henry Frehse, age 81, of Kendallville, died on Friday, November 6, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Frehse was born in Noble County, Indiana, on July 25, 1928, to the late Lowell Lester and Henrietta Pauline (Runge) Frehse.

He married JoAnna Ruth Rogers on February 25, 1950, in Kendallville. She preceded his death February 13, 1997.

Mr. Frehse

Jack was the parts manager for Hilkert & Pankop Dodge and Bodigan Chrysler-Plymouth and Dodge, both in Kendallville, for more than 40 years.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church and the Elk's Lodge, both in Kendallville.

Jack loved to play golf and bowl.

Survivors include a son, Dennis and Judy Frehse of Wolcottville; a daughter, Jacqueline and Brad Park of Goshen; four grandchildren, Justin Frehse of Avilla, Kristie Myers of Waterloo, Kyle Park of Brownsburg, Indiana, and Kevin Park of Goshen; three great-grandchildren, Kassandra Myers and Brady and Paige Park; and a brother, William Frehse of Orlando, Florida.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 8, 2009, from 1-4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 9, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Lutheran Life Villages.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 7, 2009, Saturday

Robert Kimpel

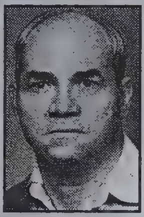
LAGRANGE — Robert L. Kimpel, 68, of LaGrange died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Kimpel lived most of his lifetime in LaGrange County.

He worked as a machinist at Burr Oak Tool and Gauge in Sturgis, Mich., from 1976-2001.

Mr. Kimpel was a member of the LaGrange First Church of God.

He was a United States Army veteran.


Mr. Kimpel

He was born Sept. 24, 1941, in Corunna, Ind., to Lowell and Kathleen (Robbins) Kimpel. He married Mary E. Troyer on June 11, 1966, in LaGrange. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Claudia and Charles Flores of San Antonio, Texas, and Carmen and Erik Pearson of LaGrange; four grandchildren; his father, Lowell Kimpel of Angola; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Diane and Carl Root and Carolyn and Rick Moore all of Kendallville, and Deborah and James Kaough of Wolcottville; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Judy Kimpel and David and Diane Kimpel all of LaGrange, John and Wendy Kimpel of Warsaw, and Larry and Rosita Kimpel of Orlando, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Kathleen Kimpel.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the LaGrange First Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange First Church of God Missions, LaGrange County Cancer Society or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Memorials may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

John Hood

AUBURN — John P. Hood, 59, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

No funeral services are planned.

Calling will be Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family requests that no flowers be sent but any memorials be given to John's favorite charities, Police and Fire Benevolent Fund or Youth for Christ.

Delmar Fick

FORT WAYNE — Delmar Dean Fick, 79, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Nov, 5, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at First Assembly of God, 1400 W. Washington Center Road. Calling will be at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Monday, 2-7 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Covington Memorial Garden in Fort Wayne. Memorials ar to St. John's Lutheran Church's Lake Township Building Fund.

Leave a condolence at sheetsandchilds.net.

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A library for the children

Coralyn Greenfield helped create kids' own department

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AUBURN — Children who love to visit Eckhart Public Library have Coralyn Greenfield to thank for helping get them their own space.

"She enjoyed the children," said Sirleine Smith, a librarian who worked with Greenfield. "She was always willing to help, and was there when the children needed her. She just associated with the children well."

Greenfield died Thursday, Oct. 29, at the age of 86.

After working at Rieke Corp. in the early 1940s, Greenfield became a librarian at Eckhart Public Library and stayed there for 25 years. She retired in 1984, but her influence still lives at the library in the children's department, which she helped found.

"She was gracious and enthusiastic about discussing library programming and events, especially those related to the children's department at Eckhart Public Library," wrote current library director Janelle Graber, who visited with Greenfield often. "Her contribution as co-founder of the Eckhart Public Library's children's department was significant, and that legacy lives on."

Greenfield saw potential in a storage area in the basement of the Eckhart Public Library, said her son, David Greenfield. At the time, the "children's department" at the library was a table and a few bookcases on the first floor, he said.

"I think it was in the summertime that we went down and cleaned a lot of that up," he said. "It was a big improvement. They had their own space that way. They weren't bothering adults who were trying to read the newspaper."

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Coralyn Greenfield, center, poses near Eckhart Public Library of Auburn with her family in 1962. Greenfield helped found the Children's Department at the library. From left are her mother, Cora Leas; her father, Ralph Leas; Coralyn Greenfield; her husband, Edwin Greenfield; and her son, David Greenfield.

Coralyn Greenfield then managed the children's department until she retired.

"She had concern for the children. A lot of the kids went to our church," the Auburn Presbyterian Church, David Greenfield said. "She'd worked

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in a factory, and she didn't like that, so I think it was a different thing for her to try, and she was good at it. With no training or college or anything, she picked it up rather quickly and enjoyed doing it and helping out the children as an educator."

Greenfield also enjoyed square dancing, her son said. She and her husband, Edwin, whom she married in 1943, spent more than 20 years in various square dancing clubs. The pair also enjoyed traveling and enjoyed vacations to many places, including Hawaii, Mackinac Island, the Great Smoky Mountains and the American West.

Coralyn Greenfield loved her job and went above and beyond, David Greenfield said. He said she would work from 3:30-7:30 p.m. each day, then would take him with her after work to collect overdue book fees from people who owed money to the library.

"Some of these people didn't have the money or whatever, but she would still be persistent in trying to collect the money, even though she wasn't on the clock," he said. "To maintain the library, you had to pay the fees if you couldn't get the books back on time."

"She took the children on walks downtown," Smith said. "She would have parties for the children in the children's department. You just knew she was there, and she was very conscientious of her job, and she loved it and she showed her joy. It was a pleasure working with her."

Genevieve Neu

WOLCOTTVILLE — Genevieve M. Neu, 87, of Wolcottville, passed away Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

She was the daughter of Otto and Edna Figel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Don Figel; husband, T.L. "Bud" Neu; and son, Thomas.

She is survived by her brother, Dan (Karen) Figel.

She was a loving mother to six children, Barbara Cook, James (Pam) Neu, Kenneth (Betty) Neu, John (Cathy) Neu, Peg (Mike) Randolph and Pam Phillips, and a grandmother to 15 and great-grandmother to 9.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne, with calling Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service.

Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

For ease and simplicity in ordering sympathy floral arrangements online, from the comfort and convenience of your home or office, please visit our Web site at www.memorygardensfloral.com.

Jack Miller

ANGOLA — Jack D. Miller, 77, of Angola and Avon Park, Fla., died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, in Avon Park.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Louise Neff

ANGOLA — Louise J. Neff, 80, of Angola and Venice, Fla., died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Louise was a general business manager/accountant for several car dealerships in southwest Ohio. She was a member of BPW women's business club, a volunteer with Cameron's Ladies Auxiliary and a volunteer at Sarasota County Schools in Florida.

Mrs. Neff

She enjoyed reading and playing games. She also adored her grandchildren.

She was born Dec. 2, 1928, in Columbus, OH, to Bart and Ruby (McMahon) Mahoney. They both preceded her in death.

She married John Neff in Medway, OH, on Nov. 5, 1965, and he passed on July 18, 2009.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Richard Weyandt, Dover, DE; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Brenda Neff, Angola, and Robert Neff, Atlanta, GA; two brothers, Lou and Kay Mahoney, Summit, NJ, also Pat and Betty Mahoney, Columbus, OH; a sister, Jeannie and Tom Whiteside, Mt. Sterling, OH; a sister-in-law, Dort Mahoney, Camden, SC; a brother-in-law, Jarvis Woodson, Powell, OH; five grandchildren, Matthew and Christopher Weyandt, and Meghan, Alyson and Amber Neff; and two great-grandchildren, Sterling and Vance Weyandt.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bart and John Mahoney, and a sister, Elsie Woodson.

Private burial services will be held at a later date. No calling will be held.

Preferred memorials are to Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2955 Orland Rd., Angola, IN 46703 or the charity of your choice.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson.@bnin.net.

Jennifer Kern

GOSHEN — Jennifer Jo Kern, 22, of 61784 Amber Meadows Drive, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at her home.

She was born June 8, 1987, in Goshen to Dennis and Carolyn (Taylor) Kern of Goshen. They survive, along with two brothers, Jason (Jennifer Cross) of McDonough, Ga., and Joel (Naomi Rice-Smucker) of Carol Stream, Ill.; her grandparents, Bill and Rolene Taylor of Goshen, Shirley and Frank Palmer of St. James City, Fla., and Edward and Pat Kern of Kendallville; and her boyfriend, Donald Patmore of Warsaw.

Miss Kern

A 2006 graduate of Goshen High School, Jennifer had been a phlebotomy student at Ivy Tech, Elkhart, and she was in her fourth year of nursing studies at Indiana University South Bend. She developed a passion for the medical field in part due to her experience growing up with a rare condition called cyclic vomiting syndrome, along with abdominal migraines.

Jennifer was a member of First United Methodist Church, Mishawaka; she grew up attending First United Methodist Church and the Life Center, both in Goshen. She did extensive volunteer work at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, volunteered at Lakewood Summer Camp in Wolcottville and went on several mission trips. Jennifer loved to laugh, shop, entertain, watch movies and spend time with family.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Third St., Mishawaka, and for one hour prior to Wednesday's 10:30 a.m. service at the church. Rev. Larry Whitehead, pastor of the church, will officiate. Cremation will take place following services.

Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. Eighth St., Mishawaka, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions may be made to the Jennifer Kern Memorial Fund, c/o Dennis and Carolyn Kern, 61784 Amber Meadows Drive, Goshen, IN 46528. To leave the family an online condolence or to share memories with the family, please visit our Web site at www.hahnfuneralhomes.com.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors in information submitted to the newspaper.*

Connie Richards

KENDALLVILLE — Connie Louise Richards, age 49, of Kendallville died on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at home.

Mrs. Richards was born in Angola on April 12, 1960, to Richard DeWayne and Sharon Ann Kunce.

She married Ronald Lee Richards on March 10, 1979, at the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren near Corunna. Connie was a supervisor at Dana Corporation in Albion for 13 years.

Survivors include: her husband, Ron Richards of Kendallville; son, Jason and Jennifer Richards of Auburn; daughter, Jenna and Dennis Easterday of Kendallville; one granddaughter, Dasia Richards; parents, Richard and Sharon Kunce of Kendallville; sisters, Marcia and Terry McKee of Hudson and Karen and Don Bish of Brimfield; grandmother, Louise Pepple of Corunna; and father and mother-in-law, Larry and Pat Richards of Kendallville.

Mrs. Richards

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Lincoln Pepple and Clair Kunce.

Visitation will be today, November 8, 2009, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 9, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Jim Kane.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Casketbearers will be Dan Moore, Don Bish, the Bryan brothers, Chuck Kunce, Terry McKee and Tyler McKee.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Richards family or to cancer research.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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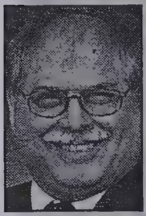
John Hood

AUBURN — John P. Hood, 59, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Hood

John was born Nov. 6, 1950, in Auburn to Paul Henry Jr. and Josephine Mary (Weaver) Hood; they have both passed away.

He worked at the Auburn Foundry, then, after they closed, he worked for Metal Technologies. He was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He is survived by three sisters, Cynthia Warstler and her fiance; John Crager of Auburn, Diana Raney of Bradenton, Fla., and Sylvia and Gus Widmeyer of Auburn; six nieces and nephews, Erica (Kyle) Zuniga, Rachel (David) Inmon, Todd (Dede) Warstler, Matt (Mitzi) Warstler, Andrew Warstler, Heather Raney; one great-niece and seven great-nephews.

No funeral services are planned. Calling will be 3 to 8 p.m. today, Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, Ind. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. The family requests that no flowers be sent but any memorials be given to John's favorite charities, Police and Fire Benevolent Fund or Youth for Christ Fast Start. How very fitting that John leaves this earth on the same day God placed him on this earth 59 years ago.

Odessie Shultz

GARRETT — Odessie A. Shultz, 89 of Garrett, died on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 13, 1920 in Crawftón, Mich. to Franklin and Hazel (Snyder) Reinoehl.

She married Henry Alva Shultz on Feb. 25, 1939. He died Nov. 26, 1967.

Odessie worked at Electric Motors in Garrett and at Essex Wire in Ligonier until her retirement in 1982. She also was a caregiver for many people.

She was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church for over 50 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara High and Brenda Cook of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Patty Shultz of Garrett, and Keith and Mary Shultz of Churubusco; a sister, Blanchie Shultz of Huntertown; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Robert A. Shultz; two brothers, four sisters, one grandson and one great-grandson.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kent Wright officiating. Burial will follow in Eel River Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org

Lee Current

ROME CITY — Lee Current, 69, of Rome City, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Lee Current

ROME CITY — Lee Allen Current, 69, of Rome City died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Current was an engineer with International Harvester and was retired from NaviStar in Fort Wayne.

He was born in LaGrange on Dec. 21, 1939, to Robert Denman and Margaret (Stevens) Current. He married Sarah M. Duncan on July 10, 1960. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two daughters, Brenda Sue (Terry) Robertson of Rutledge, Tenn., and Donna Gail (Roy) Walker of Fort Wayne; a son, David Lee Current of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sharon Meyers and Dianne Whitehead, both of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Frank Current.

No visitation or funeral service is scheduled.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Elaine Shultz

FORT WAYNE — Elaine Clara Shultz, 82, passed away at home Saturday, November 7, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shultz

She was born in Chicago to Leslie & Pauline (Wosch) Hollihan who preceded her in death.

She graduated from Indiana University receiving her Bachelor of Science degree and did post graduate studies at IUPU.

Elaine worked as an office manager with Clifford .J. Shultz, M.D., for 14 years, retiring in 1994.

Elaine was an elementary teacher for 12 years in Hammond and Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn Ladies Literary Club, Fort Wayne Country Club, Fort Wayne Art League, Art Guild of Fort Wayne and The Learned Society.

She served as a Gray Lady with the American Red Cross at Landsthuhl Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, from 1952 until 1953.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Clifford J. Shultz M.D., of Fort Wayne; a son, Patrick W. Ball of Indianapolis; a daughter, Jennifer (Michael) Fahlsing of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Clifford J. Shultz II, Ph.D., and his wife Katherine of Wheaton, Ill.; a stepdaughter, Marilyn K. Shultz of Atlanta, Ga.; her grandchildren, Leslie (Michael) Cryderman of Huntington, Andrew and Stephanie Fahlsing of Fort Wayne and Matthew Shultz of Wheaton, Ill.; and a sister, Evelyn (Thomas) Sanford of Doylestown, Pa.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services with the Rev. Dr. John Stephen Park officiating.

Additional calling will be on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road.

Private family interment will be held at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to the S.P.C.A..

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

John Shelby

SAINT MARYS, Ohio — John R. "Jack" Shelby, 83, of Saint Marys and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Minster.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Saint Marys. Burial will be in Gethsemane Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services Wednesday at Miller-Long and Folk Funeral Home, 314 W. High St., Saint Marys.

Memorials are to the Crippled Children's Fund.

E-mail condolences to Millerfuneralhomes.net.

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Wayne Rowe

GARRETT — Wayne E. "Butch" Rowe, 69, of Garrett died Monday, November 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rowe was a retired plumber and pipe fitter for the Local Union 166, retiring in 2003.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the Garrett American Legion, Garrett Eagles, Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Kendallville Elks.

He was born on June 9, 1940, in Auburn to Willis and Gladys (Zinn) Rowe. They both preceded him in death.

He married Sharon Roush on Dec. 8, 1959, in Coldwater, Michigan. She passed away on July 8, 2003.

Surviving are three sons, Jeffrey "Rocky" Rowe of Garrett, Willis Rowe of Garrett and Todd Rowe of Garrett; two daughters, Tina Custer of Garrett and Reene Rowe of Garrett; his companion, Marcia Smith of Adams Lake; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Donald and Kay Rowe of Angola and Willis Rowe of Crawfordsville; one sister, Mary Ann Magginis of Chicago, Illinois; four grandchildren, Logan Rowe, Lincoln Rowe, Hunter Rowe and Jeremiah Whitacre; and one great-grandchild, Talon Rowe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Greg Campbell officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

Rhoda Weaver

LAGRANGE — Rhoda Elaine Weaver was stillborn on Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, at the New Eden Center in Topeka to Jacob W. and Ruth M. (Bontrager) Weaver of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at the family residence at 2412 S. C.R. 00EW, LaGrange. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in rural LaGrange County.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ida Miller

LAGRANGE — Ida A. Miller, 94, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Nov. 25, 1914, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Amos and Mattie (Troyer) Yoder. She married Menno J. Miller on Jan. 10, 1935, in LaGrange County. He died Aug. 2, 1987.

Surviving are a son, Ervin (Rosa) Miller of Topeka; two daughters, Mattie Marie (Wilbur) Miller and Elsie (Melvin) Yoder, both of LaGrange; 25 grandchildren; 107 great-grandchildren; and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents;two grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Sarah Nissley and Lizzie Miller; and five brothers, Milton, Ezra, Abe, Andy and Amos Yoder.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Herman Bontrager residence, 1895 S. C.R. 375W, LaGrange with Bishop Alvin T. Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be all day Wednesday at her residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Betty Hoover

ROME CITY — Betty M. Hoover, 88, of Rome City died Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with visitation two hours prior to services. The Rev. John Coney will officiate the service. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery in rural Rome City.

Memorials may be given to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements. A complete obituary will be printed Thursday.

Rebecca Sleeper

AUBURN — Rebecca Irene Sleeper, 68, died Tuesday at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, Ind.

Thomas Messmann

WATERLOO — Thomas R. Messmann, 60, died Monday, November 9, 2009, at his home in Waterloo.

He was born June 9, 1949, in Auburn to Lewis and Blanche (Keller) Messmann. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Waterloo.

He is a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran and a lifetime member of the Waterloo VFW.

He enjoyed camping and fishing.

Mr. Messmann

He is survived by his mother; a daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Ryan Baxla of Fremont; a brother, Ron Messmann of Waterloo; a brother-in-law; Ray Henderson Sr. of Pleasant Lake; four grandsons, Nickolas Reffeitt, Lucas Baxla, Cole Baxla and Logan Baxla; and also several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Roger Messmann; and a sister, Elaina Henderson.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, November 13, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN. The Rev. Randy Marshall will officiate.

Calling is Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Waterloo VFW or Fremont Moose.

Robert Krider

FORT WAYNE — Robert L. "Bob" Krider, 72, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling one hour prior, the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Parkview Home Healthcare & Hospice or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Jimmie Gard

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Jimmie Dale Gard, 73, of Cynthiana, Ky., died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Funeral services were held Nov. 9 at First United Methodist Church in Cynthiana.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, 302 E. Pike St., Cynthiana, KY 41031.

Drake-Whaley-McCarty Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Harold E. Eyer, 89

CHURUBUSCO – Harold E. Eyer, 89, a long-time resident of Churubusco, died at 9:45 a. m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at The Oaks in Columbia City following a lengthy illness. He had been a patient at the nursing home since 2004.

Mr. Eyer was born near Leesburg on March 9, 1920, a son of John and Goldie (Smith) Eyer. As a young boy, he moved to a farm in Noble Township in Noble County with his parents, and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1938. Upon completing his education he worked on the family farm for a period until serving with the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

On June 10, 1944 he was married to Dora Mae Green, and lived in Fort Wayne for a short period until moving to Churubusco in 1946. She preceded him in death on December 24, 1952. On March 20, 1954 he was married to Freida Joan Minniear, and lived all of his married life in Churubusco. She died on July 11, 2004.

Employed as a route salesman for the Bordon Dairy in Fort Wayne, he worked there for 32 years until the plant closed in 1980. For the next ten years he was employed as a truck driver for Merkler Machine in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1990.

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, its United Methodist Men, and in his leisure time enjoyed traveling, camping, and especially enjoyed fishing.

The surviving relatives include his daughter Deborah Ann Eyer of San Luis Obispo, Calif; and a son Harold Eyer, Jr. of Albion.

In addition to his parents and two spouses, he was preceded in death by a sister Betty Runels; a half-brother Don Eyer; a step-brother Robert Smith, and a step-sister Helen Clodfelter.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 9, 2009, at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Rev. Corinne K. Boruff, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main Street, Churubusco, IN 46723.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Eyer's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Jack Henry Frehse, 81

KENDALLVILLE – Jack Henry Frehse, age 81, of Kendallville, died on Friday, November 6, 2009 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Frehse was born in Noble County, Indiana on July 25, 1928 to the late Lowell Lester and Henrietta Pauline (Runge) Frehse. He married JoAnna Ruth Rogers on February 25, 1950 in Kendallville. She preceded his death February 13, 1997.

Jack was the parts manager for Hilkert & Pankop Dodge and Bodigan Chrysler-Plymouth and Dodge both in Kendallville for more than 40 years.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church and the Elk's Lodge both in Kendallville. Jack loved to play golf and bowl. Survivors include: son, Dennis (Judy) Frehse of Wolcottville; daughter, Jacqueline (Brad) Park of Goshen; four grandchildren, Justin Frehse of Avilla, Kristie Myers of Waterloo, Kyle Park of Brownsburg, Indiana, and Kevin Park of Goshen; three great-grandchildren, Kassandra Myers, Brady and Paige Park; one brother, William Frehse of Orlando, Florida.

Funeral Services were Monday, November 9, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Lutheran Life Village. Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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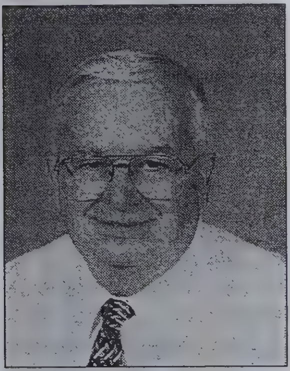
Jimmie Dale Gard, 73



SADIEVILLE, KY —Jimmie Dale Gard, 73, died Friday, November 6, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. Gard was born in Wawaka, Indiana, July 30, 1936 to Delbert and Mildred (Franks) Gard.

He graduated from Syracuse High School at Syracuse, Indiana in 1954. His post-high school education was from Indiana Institute of Technology and St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. He was a mechanical engineer and held several patents. He served in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Cynthiana, Kentucky where he was a Sunday School discussion leader and the Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438. He was a retired engineer for E. D. Bullard Company in Cynthiana, and had worked as a substitute teacher for Harrison County Schools.

Mr. Gard was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Lee (Amerosa) Gard formerly of Albion, Indiana; his mother, Mildred Franks Gard of North Webster, Indiana; one son, Steven Gard, Sadieville, Ky.; one daughter, Susan Mangold, Bowling Green, Ky., one sister, Fay (Arthur) Iden, North Webster, Indiana three grandchildren, Samantha Mangold, Lexington, Stephanie and Sydney Mangold, both of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Mr. Gard is also survived by one nephew and two nieces: Jeff Iden of North Webster, Kathy (Larry) Wilder and Brenda Iden Parr both of Indianapolis; four aunts and one uncle: Lillian Hosford of Albion, William Thomas Franks of Wawaka, Mary (Franks) Berkes of New Bremen, Ohio and formerly of Albion, and Ann (Franks) Connors of South Bend and two-great-nieces Krystal and Kari Wilder and one great-nephew Joshua Iden.

Other area survivors include a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Cecilia (Amerosa) and Rick Kelly, of Albion, and a brother-in-law, Anthony Amerosa of Louisville, KY and formerly of Albion and cousins Jack Hosford, Thomas J. Franks, Forest Keefer, Blake Berkes and Nelson and Joy LeCount all of Wawaka, and Charles T. Hosford of Albion. Several other surviving cousins reside outside the local area.

Memorial services were Monday, November 9, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church, Cynthiana, with the Rev. Jimmy Owens officiating. Drake-Whaley-McCarty Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 302 E. Pike Street, Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 11, 2009, Wednesday

Connie Louise Richards, 49

KENDALLVILLE – Connie Louise Richards, age 49, of Kendallville died on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at home.

Mrs. Richards was born in Angola on April 12, 1960 to Richard DeWayne and Sharon Ann Kunce.

She married Ronald Lee Richards on March 10, 1979 at the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren near Corunna.

Connie was a supervisor at Dana Corporation in Albion for 13 years.

Survivors include: Her husband, Ron Richards of Kendallville; son, Jason (Jennifer) Richards of Auburn; daughter, Jenna (Dennis) Easterday of Kendallville; one granddaughter, Dasia Richards; parents, Richard and Sharon Kunce of Kendallville; two sisters, Marcia (Terry) McKee of Hudson, and Karen (Don) Bish of Brimfield; grandmother, Louise Pepple of Corunna; and her father and mother-in-law, Larry and Pat Richards of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Lincoln Pepple and Clair Kunce

Funeral Services were Monday, November 9, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Jim Kane. Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers were Dan Moore, Don Bish, the Bryant brothers, Chuck Kunce, Terry McKee and Tyler McKee.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Richards family or to Cancer Research.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

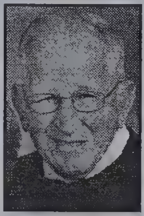
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 12, 2009, Thursday

Wayne Eagleson

LAGRANGE — Wayne Eagleson, 79, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Eagleson was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

He retired from the LaGrange County Co-Op and Indiana Toll Road.


Mr. Eagleson

Mr. Eagleson was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and a volunteer at LaGrange County Clothes & Food Basket.

He was a United States Army veteran serving in the Korean War.

He was born on May 21, 1930, in LaGrange County to Everett and Audrey (Mehl) Eagleson. He married Jaent R. Brandt on May 4, 1957, in Fort Wayne. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Robert Griffith of Chillicothe, Ill.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark W. Eagleson of LaGrange and Dean and Karen Eagleson of LaGrange; eight grandchildren; a sister, Donabell Huff of Fremont; and a brother, Richard Eagleson of Howe.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Maxine Bolin and Kathryn Gravit; and a brother, Donovan Eagleson.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with the Revs. Sandy Hutchens and Thomas McShannock officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church or LaGrange County Clothes & Food Basket.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Robert Dygert

ANGOLA — Robert J. Dygert, 83, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's newspaper.

Norma Howard

FORT WAYNE — Norma H. Howard, 82, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009.

Services were Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne.

Ronald Collins

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Ronald C. Collins, 61, of White Pigeon died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Missionary Church in Constantine.

Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery at White Pigeon.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Farrand Funeral Home in White Pigeon.

Memorials are to the family.

Joyce Knox

KIMMELL — Joyce “Marlene’‘ Knox, 73, of Kimmell died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Stones Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stones Hill Road, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Stones Hill Community Church.

Memorials are to Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club Scholarship Fund in care of the Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements. A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 12, 2009, Thursday

Betty Hoover

ROME CITY — Betty M. Hoover, 88, of Rome City died Monday, November 9, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange, IN., with her family surrounding her at her final moments.

Mrs. Hoover

Betty was born on April 26, 1921, to Theodore and Gladys (Smith) Kemery in Noble County, where she had lived most of her life.

On September 17, 1946, in Goshen, IN., she married Orval W. Hoover. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1997.

She was a homemaker; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 381 in Rome City, IN.; and a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 2749 in Kendallville, IN.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Wilbur Wells of Wolcottville, IN.; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Frankie Hoover of LaGrange; two grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Jerrad and Amy Hoover of Ashley, IN., and Tony and Melissa Hoover of Wolcottville; three stepgranddaughters, Rhonda Lucas of LaGrange, Dawn Byland of Ligonier and Monica and Ottis Bell of Monticello, KY.; six great-grandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and her sister, Marge Uhl of Avilla, IN.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, IN., with visitation two hours prior to services. The Rev. John Coney will officiate the service.

Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery in rural Rome City, IN.

Memorials may be given to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Robert Krider

FORT WAYNE — Robert L. "Bob" Krider, 72, passed away at home on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, and joined his heavenly Father.

Born in Fort Wayne, he worked as a painter with Navistar for 30 years.

Mr. Krider

He was a U.S. Army Veteran, member of American Legion Post 47, and Faith Baptist Church, and past president of the Maplewood Park Association.

He enjoyed his retirement as a vendor at Shipshewana for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 48-years, Lillian (Osborn) Krider of Fort Wayne; A daughter, Teresa (David) Hess of Avilla; grandsons, Justin (Lindsay) Purdy and Jason (Alicia) Purdy both of Fort Wayne, and John Purdy of Carbondale, Ill. (Lindsey Welsh of Indianapolis); a great-granddaughter, Norah Purdy; a sister, June (Willard) Watson of Fort Wayne; sister-in-law, Rose Williams of Bluffton; sister-in-law, Glenna (Donald) Raber of Fort Wayne; and brother-in-law, Frank Osborn of Roanoke (Linda Bohn of Fort Wayne).

Robert was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth "Scott" Krider; his parents, Kenneth and Florence Krider; and his sister, Carol Kilpatrick.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday, November 13, 2009, at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Paul Griebel will officiate.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, November, 12, 2009, at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Healthcare & Hospice or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 12, 2009, Thursday

Rebecca Sleeper

AUBURN — Rebecca I. (Haught) Sleeper, 68, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at her home in rural Auburn.

She was born on December 16, 1940, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to the late Thomas and Mildred (Chandler) Haught.

Mrs. Sleeper

She married Richard W. Sleeper on October 3, 1981, in Garrett, Indiana.

Surviving are her husband, Richard W. Sleeper of Auburn, Ind.; daughters, Patti (Kleber) Taylor (Troy Taylor) of Garrett, Ind., Susan Chisholm of Garrett, Ind., and Jennifer Plott (Randy) Burkhalter of Prattville, Alabama; a stepson, Ron (Linda) Sleeper of Auburn, Ind.; stepdaughters, Deb (Dave) Cornell of Auburn, Ind., and Jennifer "Sis" Sleeper of Auburn, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Edward A. Haught of Florida.

She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Edward Kleber, on August 27, 1993, and a grandson, Jack Turner Plott.

Becky graduated from North Side High School in 1959 and later from Fort Wayne Business College.

She worked as a secretary for Harvester and Thompson Caterpillar.

She was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church in Auburn, Ind., Jackson Homemakers Club and the Master Gardeners Program.

She enjoyed her family, holidays, quilting, gardening and camping.

Calling will be held from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Hopewell United Brethren Church, 6852 C.R. 35, Auburn.

Services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m., at the church, with Pastor John Erwin officiating. Calling will also be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery at South Milford, Ind.

Memorials are to Hopewell United Brethren Church Missions or the Building Fund, 6852 C.R. 35, Auburn, IN 46706.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Jack Miller

ANGOLA — Jack D. Miller, 77, of Angola and Avon Park, Fla., died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, in Avon Park.

Mr. Miller had owned Two Brothers VW Sales.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born June 24, 1932, in Steuben County to Jack and Vera (Lonsbury) Miller. He married Mary Lou Anspaugh and she preceded him in death on Oct. 17, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Darrell Miller and Dan Miller, both of Angola; a daughter, Debby Taylor Dominique and her husband, Dan Dominique, of Auburn; two brothers, Gerald Miller of Avon Park and Shirley Miller of Angola; three sisters, LaDonna Haskins of Okeechobee, Fla., Geraldine Rowe of Angola and Twilith Wray of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

There are no services.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 12, 2009, Thursday

Wayne Rowe

GARRETT — Wayne E. "Butch" Rowe, 69, of Garrett died Monday, November 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rowe was a retired plumber and pipe fitter for the Local Union 166, retiring in 2003.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the Garrett American Legion, Garrett Eagles, Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Kendallville Elks.

He was born on June 9, 1940, in Auburn to Willis and Gladys (Zinn) Rowe. They both preceded him in death.

He married Sharon Roush on Dec. 8, 1959, in Coldwater, Michigan. She passed away on July 8, 2003.

Surviving are three sons, Jeffrey "Rocky" Rowe of Garrett, Willis Rowe of Garrett and Todd Rowe of Garrett; two daughters, Tina Custer of Garrett and Reene Rowe of Garrett; his companion, Marcia Smith of Adams Lake; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Donald and Kay Rowe of Angola and Willis Rowe of Crawfordsville; one sister, Mary Ann Magginis of Chicago, Illinois; four grandchildren, Logan Rowe, Lincoln Rowe, Hunter Rowe and Jeremiah Whitacre; and one great-grandchild, Talon Rowe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Nathan Powell officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett with military graveside services conducted by the U.S. Air Force and the Garrett American Legion.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
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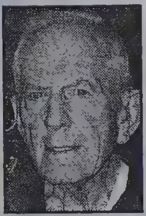
November 13, 2009, Friday

Robert Dygert

ANGOLA — Robert J. Dygert, 83, of Angola and formerly of Waterloo died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Dygert was a general line supervisor for NIPSCO of Angola and Waterloo for 36 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during World War II in the submarine corps.


Mr. Dygert

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Waterloo. He was also a member and past president of the Waterloo Lions Club, a former member of the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department for several years, a member of the Waterloo and Angola Masonic Lodges, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and the Fort Wayne Shrine Club.

He had served on the Waterloo Grant Township School Board and the DeKalb Central School Board.

He was born Feb. 21, 1926, in Steuben County to Olen Hall and Alice (Rozell) Dygert. He married Evelyn Earl on Oct. 8, 1949, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rochelle M. Dygert of Angola and Renee R. and Mark Van Wagner of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert G. and Debra Dygert of Angola and Richard L. Dygert of Dublin, Ohio; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Phyllis Dygert of Angola and Olin Dean and Joann Dygert of Battle Creek, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, David O. Dygert; and a daughter-in-law, Bridget Dygert.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials may be directed to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

David Mains Sr.

LAGRANGE — David J. Mains Sr., 84, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Mains had spent most of his life in LaGrange County.

He was a retired farmer. He also retired in 1989 from Machine-Rite in LaGrange where he had worked for 23 1/2 years.

Mr. Mains was a member of the Plato United Methodist Church, the Knights of Phythias Lodge in LaGrange, and a 50-year member of the Moose Lodge 1568 in Angola.

He was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Davie, Fla., to Elwood Estry and Mary (Shipe) Mains. He married May R. Randol on Aug. 25, 1945, in Angola. She preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Hope and Dale Lukas of Tucson, Ariz., and Susan and Dan Walsh of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, David J. Jr., and Becky Mains of Albion; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter, Faith A. Mains in 1958; a son, Michael A. Mains on Sept. 6, 2001; a sister, Mary June Light; and two brothers, Estry Jay and Robert Mains.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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November 13, 2009, Friday

Joyce Knox

LIGONIER — Joyce "Marlene" Knox, 73, of Kimmell, passed away from natural causes on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 4:29 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

She was born on January 19, 1936, in Noble County, Ind., to Charles and Althea (Fausnaugh) Reeve.

Mrs. Knox

She married Ronald L. Knox on November 4, 1953, in Albion. He survives.

Marlene was a lifelong area resident. She had worked at Superior Sample and more recently at Millenium Industries until her retirement.

She was a member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, Bible Study Group, Kimmell Mothers Club and Stones Hill Community Church.

She enjoyed bowling.

Also surviving are a son, Kary (Becky) Knox of Avilla; a daughter, Sheree (Ramer) and Ron Fritz of Wolcottville; two brothers: Verlin Reeve of Kimmell and Homer (Norma) Reeve of Ligonier; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Leland Reeve, Arnold "Art" Reeve and Rosemary Reeve.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 14, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stones Hill Road, Ligonier, with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be today, Friday, November 13, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier. The Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club will conduct a memorial service at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Bales, Pat Elliot, Troy Airgood, Keith Myers, Keith Ferrand, Phil Fought and Kent Saggars.

The family requests that memorials go to the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club Scholarship Fund, in care of the Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Caswell

FORT WAYNE — Thomas O. Caswell, 69, of Fort Wayne died Nov. 4, 2009, while vacationing in Wesley Chapel, Fla.

There are no services.

Calling will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105.

Delores Putman

FORT WAYNE — Delores J. Putman, 75, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Jackson Township, Ind., she was a hair dresser and the owner of Scizzors Salon. She also owned Christy's Liquors in Auburn.

Mrs. Putman

Mrs. Putman had been a Realtor in Angola.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge in Angola.

She is survived by her daughter, Kellie Chambers of Fort Wayne; sons, Gary L. (Terri) Baird of Newburgh, Steve (Marie) Baird of Elkhart and David A. Baird of Bremerton, WA.; her grandchildren, Taylor Chambers, Michael Baird, Shelley Wheat, Shannon Hemenway, Travis Baird, Kara Baird, and Margo, Amie and Jamie Baird; 10 great-grandchildren; and brothers, Darwin Baker and Richard (Margaret) Baker, both of Fort Wayne. Delores was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Florence Baker, and a sister, Phyllis Nusbaum.

Service is at 5 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling from 1 to 5 p.m. prior to service.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 13, 2009, Friday

John Petrie Sr.

ALBION — John Howard Petrie Sr., 71, of Albion died Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 12 a.m. at his residence in Albion.

Mr. Petrie was born on December 24, 1937, at home near Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Reynold and Gladys (Mozena) Petrie. On September 4, 1959, at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren, he married Janice Marie Engle. She passed away on June 8, 2004.

From 1954 to 1960 John proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

John was a lifetime Albion resident. He was a self-employed truck driver and retired with over 20 years of service.

After his retirement in 1997, he began to drive and train harness horses in Toledo, Ohio.

In his spare time John loved to play cards, and spend time with his family.

He was also a lifetime member of the Albion American Legion Post 242, the Albion Eagles, the United States Trotting Association and the Ohio Harness Horse Association.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, John Jr. and Cathi Petrie of Leo, Indiana, Jack and Sandy Petrie of Albion and Joe and Laura Petrie of Athens, Wis.; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Robert Knapp of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six sisters, Vivian Henry of Fort Wayne, Maxine Seeley of Brandon, Fla., Helen Sweeting of Albion, Elaine Kutzel of Coldwater, Mich., Rita Murphy of Albion, and Susan Petrie; and three brothers, Bill Petrie of Albion, Robert Petrie of Florida and Charles Petrie of White Cloud, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Petrie; his parents; and two sisters, Gloria Springer and Mary Ann Thompson.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, November 14, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion. The Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Sweet Cemetery near Albion. The Albion American Legion Post 242 will conduct military graveside services.

Visitation will be today, Friday, November 13, 2009, at the funeral home from 2-4- and 6-8 p.m.

To sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Frank Lewis

ORLAND — Frank W. Lewis, 80, of Orland died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Lewis had farmed his own land.

He was born Feb. 19, 1929, in Steuben County to Clyde and Ellen (Weldon) Lewis. They preceded him in death.

His wife, Dorothy M. (Laughry) Lewis, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Tim and Misty Lewis of LaGrange; two brothers, Gene Lewis of Orland and Keith and Betty Lewis of Orland; a sister, Marilyn and Allan Hackett of Angola; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Jon Lewis, and a sister, Martha Lewis.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Orland Congregational Church in Orland with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating.

Memorials are to the family in care of Tim Lewis.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 13, 2009, Friday

Frank Smyth

BUTLER — Frank Smyth, 59, died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Smyth was a farmer and truck driver.

He graduated from Hamilton High School and served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

He was born on Dec. 13, 1949, in Butler to Lemuel and Rosie (Schrader) Smyth. He married Jill Possehn on Sept. 18, 1987, in Auburn. She survives.

Mr. Smyth

Also surviving are two daughters Tonya and Doug DePew of Auburn and Tabitha Essington and Mark Meinen of Hamilton; four grandsons, Ryan, Tim and Mason DePew and Dackotia Reed; a grand-daughter, Taylor Meinen; a brother, Jim Smyth of Butler; and four sisters, Janet Krieger of Churubusco and Linda Blackburn, Jane Smyth and Mag Upp, all of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Charley.

Funeral services for Frank Smyth will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with calling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Charles Brumbaugh

FREMONT — Charles J. "Bud" Brumbaugh, 85, of Fremont died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Garrett Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 14, 2009, Saturday

Charles Brumbaugh

FREMONT — Charles J. "Bud" Brumbaugh, 85, of Fremont died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brumbaugh was a welder at American Hoist and Derrick for 43 years.

Mr. Brumbaugh

He was a member of Angola Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Brumbaugh served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the South Pacific.

He was born Aug. 30, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Charles W. and Margaret (Bowers) Brumbaugh. He married Pauline T. Fogle on Aug. 14, 1942, in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline T. Brumbaugh of Fremont; three sons, B. Dean Brumbaugh of Brutus, Mich., Randall and DeAnn Brumbaugh of Fort Wayne and Bryan and Marsha Brumbaugh of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Sandra and Glenn Kump of Waterloo, Linda and Donald Bane of Richmond and Crystal and Bob Flagg of Mulica Hill, N.J.; a brother, Harry and Wilma Brumbaugh of Angola; four sisters, Ruth Dirig of Fort Wayne, Margaret Manges of Corunna, Phyllis RockVam of Las Vegas, Nev., and Julia Puckett of Circleville, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George Brumbaugh; and a sister, Pauline Felger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Garrett Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Dawson Noll

HUDSON — Dawson L. "Doc" Noll, 87, of Hudson died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Noll had owned and operated the Noll Brothers Oil Co. in Hudson for 43 years.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

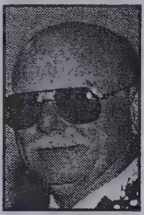
Calling will be from 4-6 p.m Sunday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 15, 2009, Sunday

Andrew Clark

KINDERHOOK TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Andrew A. "Andy" Clark, 72, of Kinderhook Township, Mich., died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Clark was born Feb. 28, 1937, in Goshen to Andrew Sr. and Mary Louise Louise Clark. He married Barbara J. Stetler on July 31, 1982, in Kinderhook.



Mr. Clark

He was retired from General Products in Angola, and also worked for Dana-Weatherhead in Angola and United Technology in Quincy, Mich.

He attended Goshen Schools, Goshen and was a U.S. Army Veteran. He enjoyed his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, watching Michigan State Basketball games, he was a Tony Stewart NASCAR fan. His hobbies included playing cards, his cats, playing golf, fishing, playing pool, woodworking, cutting wood and he enjoyed chocolate and eating popcorn.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Clark in Coldwater, Mich.; three daughters and a son in law Peggy Miller and Edna Willsey, both of Greenville, S.C., and Raenae and Alan Heinbaugh of Battle Creek, Mich.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Miller of Goshen, Mark and Becky Omo, and Rick and Donna Omo, all of Coldwater, Mich; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; two sisters and four brothers.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Helen (Boyd) Miller Clark, parents, one daughter, Connie Sue Sexton; and two brothers.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor John Rodgers officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery in Kinderhook Township, with Military Committal Services Conducted By Members Of The Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Robert Poorman

GARRETT — Robert L. Poorman, 73, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at his home in Garrett.

Services for Mr. Poorman will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne Street Waterloo.

Calling is at 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

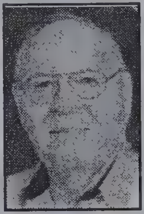
Memorials are to VA Northern Indiana Health Care System c/o Feller and Clark Funeral Home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 15, 2009, Sunday

Richard Pranger

ADAMS LAKE — The Ten R's lost the world's greatest dad.

Richard L. (Dick) Pranger, 85, of Adams Lake passed away Nov. 12, 2009.


Mr. Pranger

He was the son of Albert and Ida (Grabner) Pranger. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1941 and was a World War II veteran, serving in the Navy in the South Pacific from 1943-46.

He owned Pyrofax Gas Co. and was an automobile salesman for 30 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 381 and a member of St. Gaspers Catholic Church. He also served as Director of the Adams Lake Conservation Club for 40 years.

On June 10, 1948, he married Alice Tieman, who preceded him in death on Jan. 31, 1981. On Oct. 10, 1991, he married Kathleen Schneider, who also preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 2005.

He is survived by his children, Roseanne (Terry) Good of Fort Wayne, Rex (Susan) Pranger of Adams Lake, Rod (Chris) Pranger of Huntertown, Rita (Doug) Sutton of Adams Lake, Rhonda (Richard) O'Brian of Wolcottville, Reed (Deby) Pranger of Brushy Prairie, Reinette (John) Arbogast of North Twin Lake, Rick (Leigh) Pranger of Sylvan Lake, Rochelle Pranger and Scott Ensley of McClish Lake and Randi (Glen) Turner of Kendallville; one sister, Constance (Kenneth) Poiry of Torrence, Calif.; two step-children; 11 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, at St. Gasper's Catholic Church in Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramanaden, OSB, officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the Adams Lake Conservation Club (5980 S C.R. 550E, Wolcottville, IN 46795).

Dawson Noll

HUDSON — Dawson L "Doc" Noll, 87, of Hudson, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Noll

He was born in Salem Center, on April 1, 1922, to Samuel and Ida (Allen) Noll. He married LaVera M. Beckberger on July 18, 1942, at Zion Lutheran Church in West Fairfield. She survives in Hudson.

He was graduate of Salem Center High School.

He retired in 1989 after 43 years as owner of Noll Brothers Oil Company in Hudson.

He earned his pilot's license and enjoyed bowling and IU Basketball. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Linda Noll of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Thomas Noll of Chicago; a sister, Bessie Boyer of Angola; a brother, Don Noll of Ashley; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers Cecil, Vern, Nihl, Dale and Herschel Noll.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be held in Circle Cemetery in Hudson, with the Orland American Legion providing military graveside services.

Calling will be today at the funeral home from 4-6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Hudson Fire Department. Members of the Hudson Fire Department will serve as casket-bearers.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 16, 2009, Monday

Jerry Adair

GOSHEN — Jerry L. Adair, 65, of Goshen died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009. His death was sudden and unexpected.

Mr. Adair

Mr. Adair had lived in Goshen for the last 28 years, coming from Ligonier. He had worked for Johnson Controls, Goshen, for 38 1/2 years, retiring in 2006. Since his retirement he had worked as a security guard at Menard's, Goshen.

He graduated from Wawaka High School in 1964 and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in 1964-1967, primarily with the 594th Transportation Battalion in Germany.

Jerry was a longtime and accomplished hunter and fisherman, hunting deer and small game and fishing local lakes, ponds and streams. He had bowled at Maple City for many years on various teams. He was devoted to his family, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

He was born May 23, 1944, in Milford to Earl and Ethel (Fowler) Adair, who preceded him in death. On April 11, 1970, in Wawaka he married Linda Sue Conrad. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Joyel L. (Vaughn Vernon) Shaw of Osceola; a son, Jay (Julie) Adair of Middlebury; a grandson, Max; a granddaughter, Rebekah; and a twin brother, Larry (Nancy) Adair of Brimfield.

Also preceding him in death were a sister. Patricia Whetten, and a brother, Earl Adair Jr.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home with the Rev. Omer Nisley of Brimfield United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, with military graveside services conducted by Goshen Veterans Organizations.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Imo Brewer

ANGOLA — Imo R. Brewer, 91, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, at Maple Lawn Medical Care, Coldwater, Mich.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral home, Fremont. Burial will be at East Gilead Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Dorcas Eash

SHIPSHEWANA — Dorcas Ruth Miller Eash, died on her 81st birthday, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana.

Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be on Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church from 4-7 p.m.

Harry Holsinger

ROME CITY — Harry Holsinger, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2009, at the Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 17, 2009, Tuesday

Harry Holsinger

ROME CITY — Harry D. Holsinger, age 90, of Rome City died on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Holsinger

Mr. Holsinger was born in Rome City on June 23, 1919, to the late Neil and Georgia (Brown) Holsinger.

He graduated from Rome City High School and attended Purdue University.

Harry married Lucille J. Sites on September 17, 1939, in Rome City and she survives.

Mr. Holsinger and his wife owned and operated the Holsinger Market grocery store in Rome City for 39 years from 1940 to 1979. Together they traveled all over the world and later enjoyed spending the wintertime in Florida where Harry loved to play golf.

He also loved spending time at the Oak Tree with his friends for coffee and conversation and he enjoyed driving his yellow truck around town.

He was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church, the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department for 39 years, the Rome City Lions Club and served as a Noble County Commissioner for three years.

Survivors include:

His wife of 70 years, Lucille Holsinger of Rome City; a daughter, Karen Sue and Delmer Richmond of Fort Wayne; a son, Don and Kathy Holsinger of Ligonier; five grandchildren, Michael and Sandy Richmond of Fremont, Mark and Esther Richmond of Fort Wayne, Matthew Richmond and Marty Gilbert both of Los Angeles, Holly and Doug Richcreek of Bartlett, Illinois, Kelly Rose and her companion, Jake Tusing, both of Leesburg, and Steve and April Holsinger of Hendersonville, North Carolina; 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Darlene Holsinger of Ashville, North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Stephan Holsinger who died November 6, 1999; a granddaughter, DeDra Sue Holsinger who died in June 1999; an infant grandson, Brian Keith Holsinger in 1973; and a sister, Mary Stewart.

Visitation will be today, Tuesday, November 17, 2009, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Mike McKinney.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Life Care Center Activities Fund or donor's choice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Janice Larson

PAYNE, Ohio — Janice E. Larson, 85, of Payne, Ohio, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, Ohio. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery.

Memorials are to Paulding Area VNA & Hospice.

Condolences and memories may be shared online at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Spice

ANGOLA — Barbara R. Spice, 89, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home, Angola.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Flint Cemetery, Flint, Ind.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Joan Miller

PORTLAND, Ind. — Joan L. Miller, 73, of Portland died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, in Portland.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home, Portland Chapel. Burial will be in Center Cemetery west of Portland.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 17, 2009, Tuesday

Dorothy Brubaker

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy Jane Brubaker, 92, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brubaker

Mrs. Brubaker was a homemaker. She had also worked part time for many years at W&D and LS Ayres.

She was a native of Huntington County and graduated from South Side High School in 1934.

She was a 60-year member of West Creighton Avenue Church of Christ and a current member of the North Christian Church. She was also a member of the International Typographical Union Auxiliary.

Surviving are a son, Ronald M. (Sharol) Brubaker of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Linda L. (James) Grider of Pleasant Lake and Nancy L. Scrogham of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth E. Leichner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald L. Brubaker in 2007, and a sister, Helen Mesing.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Peggy Edge officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Associated Churches Food Bank or North Christian Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Paul Miller

HARLAN — Paul Alan Miller died Nov. 13, 2009, shortly after being born at Dupont Hosptial in Fort Wayne to Jerry L. and Lara K. Miller of Harlan.

Also surviving are a brother, Jaden Miller; a sister, Grace Miller; his grandparents, David and Janine Cole and James and Mary Miller; and his great-grandmothers, aunts, uncles and cousins.

"Our sweet baby boy Paul, we will carry you in our hearts until we meet again."

Private graveside services will be at Scipio Cemetery at Harlan.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Price

AUBURN — Robert T. Price, 79, of Auburn died Friday, November 13, 2009, at 1:09 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Price retired from Dana Corp. of Fort Wayne and also from farming.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was born November 9, 1930, in Parker, Indiana, to Herman and Clara Price. They preceded him in death.

He married Georgia "Jo" Masters on July 1, 1950, in Windsor, in Randolph County, Indiana. He lost the love of his life after 52 years of marriage on November 13, 2002.

Survivors are three sons, Robert T. Price Jr. of Auburn, Donald E. Price and his wife, Linda, of Waterloo, and Philip L. Price Sr. and wife, Helen, of Garrett; one daughter, Julia A. Rice and her husband, Tim, of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Aaron Price, Ryan Price, Bobbie Jo Baer, Riley Price, Philip Price Jr., Tracy Price, Joshua Price, Tasha Albright and Lisa Rice; seven great-grandchildren, Gabriel Price, Seth Price, Cadence Price, Jordan Baer, Dylan Raymond, Elizabeth Raymond and Maelee Kimmel; and one sister, Margaret Gallets of Portland.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman Price Jr. and Charles Price; and three sisters, Helen Price, Maxine Steakley and Edna Clevenger.

Services were held Monday with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Arrangement were handled by Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 17, 2009, Tuesday

Terry Bailey Sr.

KINGMAN, Ariz.—Terry Wayne Bailey Sr., 54, of Kingman, Ariz., and formerly of Orland, Ind., was called upon by his heavenly Father on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at approximately 3:45 a.m. at his home after recently being diagnosed with lung cancer. At his side was his loving wife, Jackie, and cousin, Robert Gentz.

Terry remained positive through his illness.

He was born on December 9, 1954, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Richard W. (deceased) and Joyce M. Bailey of Delta, Ohio.

He married Jackie Lynn Shoemaker of Swanton, Ohio, on June 13, 1973. Together they had two children, Terry W. Bailey Jr., 35, of Butler, Ind., and Angel M. Lepley, 33, of Hudson, Ind.

Terry was a very dedicated and hard working man, loving father and the most amazing husband.

He was a longtime employee of Metaldyne, formerly Simpson Industries, in Edon, Ohio, from 1985 to 2001. Before moving to Arizona one year ago, Terry continued his employment at Angola Wire in Angola, Ind., from 2002-2008.

Terry is preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Terry is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 36 years, Jackie of Kingman, Ariz.; his son, Terry Bailey Jr. and daughter-in-law, Crystal, of Butler, Ind.; his daughter, Angel Lepley and son-in-law, Travis, of Hudson, Ind.; his grandchildren, Katelyn Harvey and Kara and Kelsey Bailey of Butler, Ind., Dominique Swiatkowski and Brittney, Jayson, Travis and Treyten Lepley of Hudson, Ind.; his sister, LuAnne Surgeson and brother-in-law, Lennie, of Holland, Ohio; his brother, Jimmy Bailey and sister-in-law, Bonnie, of Wauseon, Ohio; his mother and father-in-law, Ronald Sr. and Shirley Shoemaker of Kingman, Ariz., and formerly of Swanton, Ohio; his brother-in-law, Ronald Jr. and sister-in-law, Brenda, of Delta, Ohio; brother-in-law, Edward Shoemaker and sister-in-law, Brenda of Pomona, Calif.; and many other family members and friends.

Terry's wishes are for his body to be donated to science to further find a cure for cancer. He will then be cremated and his ashes spread over the mountains as he wished.

A celebration of Terry's life will be held at his home in Kingman, Ariz., on November 28, 2009, from 1-5 p.m. Also an open house will be held at a later date in Indiana.

The family is requesting those wishing to make a contribution in Terry's memory consider KRMC Hospice in Kingman, Ariz., in care of Jackie Bailey and/or to his wife Jackie, as she has been caring for Terry solely throughout his diagnosed cancer. Please send all contributions to 221 E. Spring St., Kingman, AZ 86401 and they will be forwarded.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 18, 2009, Wednesday

Glendora Rathge

KENDALLVILLE — Glendora M. Rathge, age 83, of Kendallville died on Monday, November 16, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Rathge was born in Kendallville, Indiana, on July 16, 1926, to the late John and Mary (Wiedman) Fritz.

Mrs. Rathge

She married William R. Rathge on February 22, 1948, in Kendallville. Mr. Rathge preceded her death on January 4, 1993.

In her earlier years, Mrs. Rathge was employed with Indiana Bell Telephone Company and Johnson's Greenhouse, both in Kendallville.

Later, she, along with her husband Bill, established and operated Bill's Flowers in Kendallville for about 40 years.

Glendora was NBA All-Star Brad Miller's biggest fan. She closely watched all of his games and followed him through all his trades.

Gardening and flowers were Glendora's passion.

She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary and Kent Main of Grand Junction, Colorado, Leanne and Ed Hindenlang of Kendallville, Beverly and Larry Lash of Kendallville and Jane and Michael Girardot of Kendallville; a son, William and Dee-Anna Rathge of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Inks of Whitecastle, Texas.

She was also preceded in death by her six brothers, Arthur, Carl, Clarence, Woodrow, Harold and Edward Fritz.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. There will be visitation an hour before the funeral service as well.

Funeral services will be Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be her grandsons: Rob Rathge, Austin Girardot, Alex Girardot, Paul Hindenlang, Chad Main and Aaron Main.

Preferred memorials may be made in Brad Miller's name to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

View a video tribute by today, Wednesday, November 18, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Janice Larson

PAYNE, Ohio — Janice E. Larson, 85, of Payne, Ohio, passed away Monday, November 16, 2009, at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home.

Janice was born in Payne on May 25, 1924, a daughter of the late Anna (Parady) and Clarence Harp.

She worked at Flint & Walling Sump Pumps in Kendallville, Ind.

Janice loved to read.

On Dec. 23, 1944, she married Elmer Larson, who passed away Dec. 16, 1998.

She will be sadly missed by her daughters, Judi (Jon) Hall of Convoy and Debi (Dennis) Moore of Columbia City; her son-in-law, Charlie Berhalter of Rome City, Ind.; her sisters, Genevieve Stumbo of Lakeland, Fla., and Joan Gauvey of Payne; her brother, James (Elaine) Harp of Payne; her four grandchildren and her five great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her daughter, Sheri Berhalter, and her sister, Lois Hudson.

Her funeral service is at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 S.R. 500, Payne, Ohio, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 19.

She will be laid to rest at Wiltsie Cemetery.

Memorials are to Paulding Area VNA & Hospice.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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November 18, 2009, Wednesday

Barbara Spice

ANGOLA — Barbara R. Spice, 89, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Spice was a homemaker.

She had lived most of her life in LaGrange and Steuben counties. She moved to Angola in 1986 from Howe.

She was a former member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

Mrs. Spice was born Oct. 2, 1920, in Steuben County, Ind., to Ora B. and Ruth (Boyer) Bowerman. She married Robert J. Spice on Dec. 27, 1941, in Leesburg. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Francis Richter of Ashley and Jean and Chuck Harrell of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, John K. and Cynthia Spice of Golden, Colo.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Meredith Richter of Holly, Mich., Dr. Joseph and Ashley Richter of Puyallup, Wash., John and Kathryn Richter of Waterloo, Grant Harrell and Spencer Harrell, both of Laguna Niguel, Calif., Jason Spice of Highland, Ind., and Jessica Spice of Arvada, Colo.; and four great-grandchildren, Amelia, Morgan, Logan and Harrison Richter.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Keith Bowerman.

A graveside service at Flint Cemetery in Flint, Ind., will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ind., is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 18, 2009, Wednesday

John Petrie Sr., 71

ALBION — John Howard Petrie Sr., 71, of Albion died Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 12 a.m. at his residence in Albion.

Mr. Petrie was born on December 24, 1937, at home near Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Reynold and Gladys (Mozena) Petrie. On September 4, 1959, at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren, he married Janice Marie Engle. She passed away on June 8, 2004.

From 1954 to 1960 John proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

John was a lifetime Albion resident. He was a self-employed truck driver and retired with over 20 years of service.

After his retirement in 1997, he began to drive and train harness horses in Toledo, Ohio.

In his spare time John loved to play cards, and spend time with his family.

He was also a lifetime member of the Albion American Legion Post 242, the Albion Eagles, the United States Trotting Association and the Ohio Harness Horse Association.

He is survived by three sons, John Jr. (Cathi) Petrie of Leo, Indiana, Jack (Sandy) Petrie of Albion and Joe (Laura) Petrie of Athens, Wis.; a daughter, Jane (Robert) Knapp of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six sisters, Vivian Henry of Fort Wayne, Maxine Seeley of Brandon, Fla., Helen Sweeting of Albion, Elaine Kutzel of Coldwater, Mich., Rita Murphy of Albion, and Susan Petrie; and three brothers, Bill Petrie of Albion, Robert Petrie of Florida and Charles Petrie of White Cloud, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Petrie; his parents; and two sisters, Gloria Springer and Mary Ann Thompson.

Services were November 14, 2009, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. The Rev. Dean Bearman officiated the service.

Burial followed at the Sweet Cemetery near Albion. The Albion American Legion Post 242 conducted military graveside services.

To sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

David Mains, 84

LAGRANGE — David J. Mains Sr., 84, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Mains had spent most of his life in LaGrange County.

He was a retired farmer. He also retired in 1989 from Machine-Rite in LaGrange where he had worked for 23 1/2 years.

Mr. Mains was a member of the Plato United Methodist Church, the Knights of Phythias Lodge in LaGrange, and a 50-year member of the Moose Lodge 1568 in Angola.

He was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Davie, Fla., to Elwood Estry and Mary (Shipe) Mains. He married May R. Randol on Aug. 25, 1945, in Angola. She preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters, Hope (Dale) Lukas of Tucson, Ariz., and Susan (Dan) Walsh of Fort Wayne; a son, David J. Jr., (Becky) Mains of Albion; nine grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter, Faith A. Mains in 1958; a son, Michael A. Mains on Sept. 6, 2001; a sister, Mary June Light; and two brothers, Estry Jay and Robert Mains.

Services were held November 16, 2009 at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiated.

Burial took place in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 18, 2009, Wednesday

Jerry L. Adair, 65

GOSHEN – Jerry L. Adair, 65, of Goshen, died suddenly Saturday, November 14, 2009.

A resident of the area for the past 28 years coming from Ligonier, he was born to Earl and Ethel (Fowler) Adair on May 23, 1944, in Milford, Indiana. He married Linda Sue Conrad on April 11, 1970, in Wawaka, Indiana. She survives.

Jerry had worked for Johnson Controls of Goshen for 38 ½ years, retiring in 2006. Since his retirement he had worked as a security guard at Menard's in Goshen. He graduated from Wawaka High School in 1964. He was a veteran of the United States Army from 1964-1967, serving primarily with the 594th Transportation Battalion in Germany. Jerry was a longtime and accomplished hunter and fisherman, hunting deer and small game and fishing local lakes, ponds, and streams. He bowled at Maple City for many years on various teams. He was devoted to his family, being a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Joyel L. (Vaughn Vernon) Shaw of Osceola; one son, Jay (Julie) Adair of Middlebury; two grandchildren, Max and Rebekah; and a twin brother, Larry (Nancy) Adair of Brimfield, Indiana. He was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Whetten, and a brother, Earl Adair, Junior.

Funeral Services were Wednesday, November 18, funeral service at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home with the Reverend Omer Nisley of the Brimfield United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana. Military graveside services will be conducted at that time by Goshen Veterans Organizations.

Joyce Knox, 73

LIGONIER — Joyce "Marlene" Knox, 73, of Kimmell, passed away from natural causes on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 4:29 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

She was born on January 19, 1936, in Noble County, Ind., to Charles and Althea (Fausnaugh) Reeve.

She married Ronald L. Knox on November 4, 1953, in Albion. He survives.

Marlene was a lifelong area resident. She had worked at Superior Sample and more recently at Milenium Industries until her retirement.

She was a member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, Bible Study Group, Kimmell Mothers Club and Stones Hill Community Church.

She enjoyed bowling.

Also surviving are a son, Kary (Becky) Knox of Avilla; a daughter, Sheree (Ramer) and Ron Fritz of Wolcottville; two brothers: Verlin Reeve of Kimmell and Homer (Norma) Reeve of Ligonier; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Leland Reeve, Arnold "Art" Reeve and Rosemary Reeve.

Services took place November 14, 2009, at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier. Pastor Joey Nelson officiated.

Burial was held in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Kenny Bales, Pat Elliot, Troy Airgood, Keith Myers, Keith Ferrand, Phil Fought and Kent Saggars.

The family requests that memorials go to the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club Scholarship Fund, in care of the Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier assisted the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Donald Case

WOLCOTTVILLE — Donald D. "Casey" Case, age 80, of Wolcottville, died on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, his home just north of Wolcottville.

Mr. Case was born in Wolcottville, Indiana, on August 15, 1929, to the late Andrew Perry and Agnes V. (Reade) Case.

Mr. Case

He was a 1947 graduate of Wolcottville High School where he was a member of the Bulldog basketball team that won several county tournaments.

Don went on to serve his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951-53.

Sgt. Case served in the B Battery 189th FA Battalion, 45th Infantry Division and also received the Korean Service Medal and Bronze Service Star.

He was a Life member of the VFW Francis Vinyard Post 2749 of Kendallville, the American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville, the D.A.V. Post 15 of Goshen, of the AM Vets Post 21 of Sebring, Florida, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

After returning from the war, he married Nancy Lou Worley on June 6, 1953 in Wolcottville.

For 40 years he was employed with Northern Indiana Public Service before retiring in 1985.

After his retirement, Don began his own business, Casey Electric, and operated it in Wolcottville for 9 years.

Don was an avid fly fisherman and enjoyed the hobby of tying his own flies. Don was known for growing a spectacular garden and sharing the produce with his neighbors and friends.

He was also a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Rome City where he was past president of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church Men's Club.

Don was a member of the Masonic Lodge 276, F&AM of Kendallville.

He was the past Master of the Wolcottville Masonic Lodge 380 F&AM.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Masonic Shrine Temple and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne and member of the Eagles Lodge of Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Nancy Case of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Ann and Andrew Phelps of Los Alamos, New Mexico; and two grandsons, Edward Phelps and his wife, Amanda, and grandson, Michael Phelps. Both attend Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Norris B. Case and Perry Case Jr., and one sister, Carol Bradley.

Visitation will be Friday, November 20, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Masonic Lodge 276, F&AM services will be conducted Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 21, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Jack Thomas.

Military funeral honors will be conducted following the funeral service by the honor guard members of the VFW Post 2749 of Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Burial will be later at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Jerry Grant

FREMONT — Jerry "J.C." Grant, 69, died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, at his residence on Lake George, Fremont.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Mt. Pleasant Chapel, 7901 W. Isanogel Road, Yorktown, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the Lake George Conservancy Inc., P.O. Box 564, Fremont, IN 46737-0564, the South Padre Island Sea Turtle Rescue, P.O. Box 3987, South Padre Island, TX 78597, the Steuben County Humane Society, P.O. Box 204, Angola, IN 46703, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Deborah Sims

REDDING, Calif. — Deborah A. Sims, 63, of Redding and formerly of Angola and Avilla, Ind., died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, in Redding.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Imago Die, 347 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Burial will be at a later date at Orange Cemetery at Rome City, Ind.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Berniece Sholl

BUTLER — Berniece Marian Sholl, 90, of Hicksville, Ohio, and formerly of Butler, Ind. died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at Chandler House assisted living facility in Kendallville following a brief illness.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Oriental Missionary Society or the Christian & Missionary Alliance Missions.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithandbrownfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

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Teresa Bussing

ANGOLA — Teresa May Bussing, 47, of Angola, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 10:44 a.m. in her home with friends and family at her side after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born January 5, 1962. She married John A. Bussing and they were divorced in 2008.

Surviving are her parents, Larry and Rose Wilcox of Angola; and her two sons, Terry and his wife, Brandy, Bussing of Angola and Tony and his wife, Meghan, of Angola; and her daughter, Tasha Amaden and her husband, Russell, of Fremont.

Also surviving are a brother, Mark Sessford of Angola; five sisters, Christy Fredrick and her husband, Thad, of Angola, Veronica Sessford Winchester and her husband, Paul Winchester, of Metz, Shiela Sheets and her husband, John, of Edon, Ohio, Bobbie Leland and her husband, Ron, of Garrett and Wendy Catterall and her husband, Bob, of Angola; and nine grandchildren, David Bussing, Eithen Bussing, Kaleb Bussing, Marie Sessford, Alexander Sessford, Tiki Wilcox, Heaven Amaden and Jayden Amaden.

Teresa was a member of the Steuben Church of Christ. She loved her family, doing crafts and helping others.

She was preceded in death by her son, Tommy Bussing, who passed away February 15, 1992, and one nephew, Donavan Green who passed away July 25, 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Memorials are to the family in care of Tasha Amaden.

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Mabel Miller

LAGRANGE — Mabel Miller, 89, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at the home of her son Alvin Miller near Middlebury.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Sept. 15, 1920, in LaGrange to Andrew and Barbara (Miller) Schlabach. She married Samuel J.R. Miller on Nov. 28, 1940, in LaGrange. He died Sept. 26, 2006.

Surviving are three sons, Jacob (Edna) Miller of LaGrange, Ora (Susie) Miller of Dalton, Wis., and Alvin (Mary) Miller of Middlebury; three daughters, Katie Mae (Alvin) Yoder of LaGrange, Polly Anna (Glenn) Bontrager of Topeka, and Susie (Delbert) Weaver of LaGrange; 49 grandchildren; 255 great-grandchildren; sevengreat-great -grandchildren; four sister-in-laws, Mary Schlabach of Topeka, Polly Miller of Charlotte, Mich., Ida Bontrager of Goshen, and Esther Miller of Middlebury; and a brother-in-law, Levi Schrock of Kaleva, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; six grandchildren; a sister, Elizabeth Bontrager; two two brothers, Menno and Amos Schlabach; five half brothers, Noah, Jacob, Emanuel, Sam and John Schlabach; and two half sisters, Mary Schlabach and Emma Yoder.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Herman Bontrager residence, 1895 S. C.R. 375W, LaGrange. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be all day today at the Jacob Miller residence, 3630 W. C.R. 200S, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Jerry Grant

FREMONT — Jerry "J.C." Grant, 69, passed away Tuesday evening, November 17, 2009 at his residence on Lake George, Fremont.

Mr. Grant

He was born June 17, 1940 in Muncie the son of James and Frances (Hooten) Grant, graduated from Yorktown High School, Muncie, IN in 1958 and attended the University of Maryland. He then served in the US Air Force for five and one half years including a tour in Germany and then attended Anderson University.

Mr. Grant served twenty years with the Indiana State Police retiring as a detective in 1986. He then immediately served in internal affairs with the Indiana Department of Transportation for twenty years prior to his retirement in 2006.

He was a member of the Angola American Legion and several State Police Associations. He enjoyed all of his lake hobbies and collecting antiques. His favorite hobby was working with the South Padre Island Sea Turtle Rescue for the past three years while wintering in Texas.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Karon Jo (West) Grant; his son, J. Chris Grant (wife-Julie), Redkey, IN; his daughter, Shawna Grant (husband-Paul Huppenthal), Whiting, IN; two grandsons, Jordan and Jacob Grant; his sister, Donna Edwards (husband-Dan), Anderson, IN; and two nephews, Derek Edwards (Nikki) and Dustin Edwards (Haley).

He was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, D. Oren and Bettie (James) West.

Memorial services will be held in The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Mt. Pleasant Chapel 7901 W. Isanogel Rd. Yorktown, IN at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday November 21, 2009 with Pastor Joe Hines officiating. Cremation was held.

Friends may call at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Mt. Pleasant Chapel 7901 W. Isanogel Rd. Yorktown, IN from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Memorials may be directed to the Lake George Conservancy, Inc., P.O. Box 564, Fremont, IN 46737-0564, South Padre Island Sea Turtle Rescue, P.O. Box 3987, South Padre Island, TX 78597, Steuben County Humane Society, P.O. Box 204, Angola, IN 46703, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

A. Carol Brandt

ARCOLA — A. Carol Brandt, 93, of Arcola died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at Renaissance Village Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Arcola. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home in Columbia City with a rosary at 6 p.m. and one hour prior to the services Monday.

Memorials are to the Masses at St. Patrick's Catholic Church or to the Allen County Heart Association.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is assisting the family with arrangements.

Sonya Ottinger

CROMWELL — Sonya Ottinger, 47, of Cromwell, died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Drake

LAGRANGE — Barbara Kay (Phillips) Drake, 64, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009. at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Parkside Elementary School in LaGrange.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Information on how to donate can be found at www.stjude.org or by calling (800) 873-6983.

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Chandler Terry

ROME CITY — Chandler Terry, age 71, of Rome City died on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Terry

He was born in Quicksand, Knott County, Kentucky, on July 3, 1938, to the late Andy and Gracie (Handshoe) Terry.

He married Judy A. Thomas on February 26, 1960, in Kendallville. She preceded his death February 5, 1999. He was later married to his second wife, Doris Jean Hicks, on September 1, 2001, in Kendallville and she survives him in Rome City.

Chandler was employed for 34 years at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville before retiring in 1988.

He enjoyed getting together with his family and friends, playing cards, fishing and his beloved dog, Ginger.

He attended the True Church of God In Jesus' Name near Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Terry of Rome City; two sons, Rick Terry of Kendallville and Jeff and Kellie Terry of Kendallville; a grandson, Nathan Terry of Kendallville; a brother, Taulby Terry of Rome City; four stepdaughters, Linda and Ron Buss of Auburn, Carolyn and Brad Shambarger of Kendallville, Debby and Monte McCoy of Climbing Hills, Iowa, and Vicki Harmon of Kendallville; two stepsons, Michael and Carolyn Miller of Rome City and Clay Miller of Rome City; 12 stepgrandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Dawsie Handshoe and Naomi Patrick, and his brothers, Ellis, Edward and Jack Terry.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 22, 2009, from 1-5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Howard "Sonny" Stanley, Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Carter Hicks.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Casketbearers will be Nathan Terry, Chalmer Terry, Richard Petrie, Sheridan Terry, Jackie Terry, Billy Terry, Taulby Terry and Raymond Sparkman.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Grace Morgan

FORT WAYNE — Grace A. (Brand) Morgan, 83, died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 4150 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Trinity Church of the Nazarene 4150 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Berniece Sholl

BUTLER — Berniece Marian Sholl, 90, formerly of Butler, Ind., passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at Chandler House assisted living facility in Kendallville, Ind., following a brief illness. She had resided there since February 2008.

She was born on March 16, 1919, in Hicksville, Ohio, the daughter of Fred and Bertha (Dickerhoff) Rohrs.

On September 5, 1937, she was united in marriage to John H. Sholl in Hicksville, Ohio. Together they owned and operated a farm near Butler, Ind. He preceded her in death on December 24, 2000.

Berniece was a homemaker and avid gardener.

She was a member of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church. She was actively involved in church service for many years, teaching Sunday school classes, decorating the church and entertaining pastors, evangelists, missionaries and church visitors on a regular basis. She had a passion for missionaries and found creative ways to remember their names and work. Above all, she was known for her strong, unwavering Christian testimony and for being a prayer warrior. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by five children, Elaine (Larry) Moughler of Butler, Ind., Dwight (Phillis) Sholl of Sturgis, Mich., Carolyn (Nolan) Ferrier of Broadview Heights, Ohio, Marlene Embry of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Rev. Keith (Dolores) Sholl of Sylvania, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a sister, Vera Hubaker of Safety Harbor, Fla.; a brother, the Rev. Donald (Faythe) Rohrs of Fort Wayne; and many nieces, nephew and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; an adult child, Victor Sholl; and brothers, Robert L. Rohrs, Duane H. Rohrs and George A. Rohrs.

The family will receive friends today from 4-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Keith Sholl and the Rev. Don Rohrs will officiate. Burial will be in the Lost Creek Cemetery at Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials in the name of Berniece M. Sholl may be given to the Oriental Missionary Society or the Christian & Missionary Alliance Missions.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithandbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Donald Case

WOLCOTTVILLE — Donald D. "Casey" Case, age 80, of Wolcottville, died on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, his home just north of Wolcottville.

Mr. Case

Mr. Case was born in Wolcottville, Indiana, on August 15, 1929, to the late Andrew Perry and Agnes V. (Reade) Case.

He was a 1947 graduate of Wolcottville High School where he was a member of the Bulldog basketball team that won several county tournaments.

Don went on to serve his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951-53.

Sgt. Case served in the B Battery 189th FA Battalion, 45th Infantry Division and also received the Korean Service Medal and Bronze Service Star.

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He was also a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church where he was past president of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church Men's Club.

Don was a member of the Masonic Lodge 276, F&AM of Kendallville.

He was the past Master of the Wolcottville Masonic Lodge 380 F&AM.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Masonic Shrine Temple and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne and member of the Eagles Lodge of Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Nancy Case of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Ann and Andrew Phelps of Los Alamos, New Mexico; and two grandsons, Edward Phelps and his wife, Amanda, and grandson, Michael Phelps. Both attend Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Norris B. Case and Perry Case Jr., and one sister, Carol Bradley.

Visitation will be Friday, November 20, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Masonic Lodge 276, F&AM services will be conducted Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 21, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Jack Thomas.

Military funeral honors will be conducted following the funeral service by the honor guard members of the VFW Post 2749 of Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Burial will be later at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Dennis Frasier

LITCHFIELD, Mich. — Dennis Earl Frasier, 52, of Litchfield died unexpectedly on Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, in Saranac, Mich.

Mr. Frasier was a 1976 graduate of Fremont, Ind., High School.

He was a truck driver for P&B Trucking Co. in Decatur, Ind. He had also worked for 10 years for the Indiana State Highway Department and for 20 years at Weatherhead-Dana in Angola, Ind.

He was born July 26, 1957, in Saginaw, Mich., to Earl and Mary (Lee) Frasier. He married Sherry LaRoe on Sept. 4, 1999. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tonya England of Angola, Ind., and Shelly and Dan Gilbert of Butler, Ind.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis II and Liz Frasier II of Ashley, Ind., and Steve and Angel England of Litchfield; a sister, Deborah Frasier of Texas; his twin brother and his wife Daniel and Regina Frasier of Fremont, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; his father-in-law, Robert LaRoe of Litchfield; his grandfather, Howard Warner of Homer, Mich., and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; his mother; his stepfather John Lyons; a son Wesley Frasier; a sister Darlene Frasier; and his mother-in-law, Barbara LaRoe.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today at the George White Funeral Home, 220 N. Chicago St., Litchfield. Calling will be from 11 a.m. today until time of the service.

Interment in King Cemetery, Pulaski Township, will be at a later date.

Deborah Sims

REDDING, Calif. — Deborah A. Sims, 63, of Redding and formerly of Angola and Avilla, Ind., died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, in Redding.

Mrs. Sims

Mrs. Sims and her husband, the Rev. Robert D. Sims, served churches in Defiance, Ohio, Washington state and Angola and Kendallville, Ind.

She was involved in nursing and assisting her husband with church activities.

She was born Feb. 7, 1946, in Defiance, Ohio, to Mirl M. Rosendale and Patricia A. Rosendale Brown. They preceded her in death. She married the Rev. Robert D. Sims on Sept. 24, 1966, in Defiance. He preceded her in death Nov. 29, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Julie A. and Jeff Asher of Avilla, Ind., and Jill R. and Doug Blankenship of Hudson, Ind.; a son, Jeffrey P. Sims of Redding; a grandson; and a brother, Tom Rosendale of Defiance.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Imago Dei, 347 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Burial will be at a later date at Orange Cemetery at Rome City, Ind.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Patricia Caperton

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Patricia L. Caperton, 80, of Hicksville, died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at First Church of Christ in Hicksville.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m.at Smith & Brown Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ.

Stanley Gregory

FORT WAYNE — Stanley E. Gregory, 83, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Diane Miller

WATERLOO — Diane E. Miller, 64, of Waterloo died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

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Teresa Bussing

ANGOLA — Teresa May Bussing, 47, of Angola, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 10:44 a.m. in her home with friends and family at her side after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born January 5, 1962, in Angola, Indiana, to Charles Edward Sessford III and Rose M. Sessford Wilcox. On May 8 she married John A. Bussing with whom she divorced in 2008.

Surviving are her parents, Larry and Rose Wilcox of Angola; and her two sons, Terry and his wife, Brandy, Bussing of Angola and Tony and his wife, Meghan, of Angola; and her daughter, Tasha Amaden and her husband, Russell, of Fremont.

Also surviving are a brother, Mark Sessford of Angola; five sisters, Christy Fredrick and her husband, Thad, of Angola, Veronica Sessford Winchester and her husband, Paul Winchester, of Metz, Shiela Sheets and her husband, John, of Edon, Ohio, Bobbie Leland and her husband, Ron, of Garrett and Wendy Catterall and her husband, Bob, of Angola; and nine grandchildren, David Bussing, Eithen Bussing, Kaleb Bussing, Marie Sessford, Alexander Sessford, Tiki Wilcox, Heaven Amaden and Jayden Amaden.

Teresa was a member of the Steuben Church of Christ. She loved her family, doing crafts and helping others.

She was preceded in death by her son, Tommy Bussing, who passed away February 15, 1992, and one nephew, Donavan Green who passed away July 25, 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Memorials are to the family in care of Tasha Amaden.

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Roberta Ostrander

LIGONIER — Roberta Rose Ostrander, 77, of North Webster and formerly of Cromwell died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Diane Miller

WATERLOO — Diane E. Miller, 64, of Waterloo died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller worked for the U.S. Postal Service's REC in Fort Wayne. She retired July 31, 2009.

She was a member of the American Postal Workers Union.

Mrs. Miller

She was born Aug. 20, 1945, in Venice, Fla., to James C. and Laura (Whitfield) Williams. She married Melvin Miller in June 1966 in Oceanside, Calif., and he survives in Waterloo.

She is also survived by four sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Melanie Miller of Auburn, Jim Miller of Waterloo, Chris and Candy Miller of Butler and Don Miller of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Bart George of Hamilton; a brother, James C. Williams of Waterloo; nine grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery at Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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Ruby Carpenter

KENDALLVILLE — Ruby Opal Carpenter, age 90, of Kendallville, died on Friday, November 20, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Carpenter was born in Allen Township of Noble County, Indiana, on April 25, 1919, to the late Albert and Lillie (Bell) Varner.

She married Ralph "Shorty" Carpenter on November 16, 1938, in Avilla and he preceded her death July 26, 1983.

Mrs. Carpenter

She was a homemaker and former member of the Allen Township Extension Homemakers Club.

She was also a member of the First Church of God in Kendallville.

Ruby enjoyed craft making and traveling.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean and John Allread of St. Paris, Ohio; two sons, Carl and Sandy Carpenter of Huntertown and Paul and Marilyn Carpenter of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Jill Allread and her partner, Pam Freese, of Chicago, Illinois, and Shelly and Dale Cummins of Collins; seven grandsons, Scott Carpenter of Huntertown, Terry Carpenter of Churubusco, Jerry and Terri Allread of Wellington, Ohio, Jim and Candice Allread of West Chester, Ohio, Tony and Melissa Carpenter of Kendallville, Matt and Amy Carpenter of Kendallville and Mike and Beth Carpenter of Huntertown; stepgrandsons, Chris and Jeff Molargik of Fort Wayne; seven great-granddaughters; 10 great-grandsons; and a nephew, LeRoy Altimus of Brimfield.

She was also preceded in death by her two sisters, Iva Altimus and Perma Varner, and a great-grandson, Jerry Lee Allread Jr.

Visitation will be Monday, November 23, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Church of God, 111 South Oak Street in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 23, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at First Church of God.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Jim Kane.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Casketbearers will be Ruby's grandchildren.

Preferred memorials may be made to First Church of God Building Fund.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sonja Ottinger

CROMWELL — Sonja Jo Ottinger, 47, of Cromwell died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at home.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Broadway Christian Church, 0208 N. C.R. 900W, Kimmell. A private family burial will take place.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, and one hour prior to funeral service at the church.

Memorials are to Broadway Christian Church, 7046 W. C.R. 200N, Cromwell, IN 46732; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 120 Wall St., 19th Floor, New York, NY 10005, or The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Grace Morgan

FORT WAYNE — Grace A. (Brand) Morgan, 83, died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Morgan had owned and operated Hen House Beauty Salon for 30 years, retiring in 1990. She also was a stylist part time at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home for 15 years and worked part time at Lutheran Hospital.

She volunteered at both Parkview and Lutheran hospitals for many years.

Mrs. Morgan

A native of Ashley, she graduated from Ashley High School in 1941.

Surviving are two daughters, Yolanda (Carl) Kallsen and Diana (Mike) Calvert, both of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Terry Morgan of Garrett and Rick Morgan of Bluffton; a step-daughter, Farren (Greg) Klopfenstein of Woodburn; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles O. and Ethel A. Brand; her husband of 17 years, Cecil L. Morgan; a stepson, Raymond Morgan; and six brothers, Willis, Leroy, Donald, Garl, Charles and Robert Brand.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 4150 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 4150 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Duane Huff

BUTLER — Duane M. Huff, 68, of Butler died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Huff worked for Eaton Corp. (Dana) for more than 27 years, retiring on April 1, 2000.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Huff was a member of the Church of Christ in Newville, the UAW Local 164 and the Butler American Legion Post 202.

He was born Sept. 14, 1941, in Goshen to the late Donald M. and Evelyn I. (Doud) Huff. He married Elsie Dorsey Krontz on Dec. 23, 1976, at the Lutheran Church in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Victor and Laura Krontz of Butler, Joseph Krontz of Angola, Alan and Jayne Krontz of Butler and Jerry and Nancy Krontz of Waterloo; a brother, Harold L. Huff of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Fred Surface of Butler; five grandchildren, including Keith Krontz of Edgerton and Danielle (Joe) Keb of Auburn; nine stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind. Darren Langford will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler. Serving as pallbearers will be Joe Keb, Brian Koski, Brad Dangler, Brent Miller, Michael Wallace and John Wallace Jr.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to American Heart Association, DeKalb County Humane Society or Lake James Christian Assembly.

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Flora Hedglin

AUBURN — Flora E. Hedglin, 93, of Auburn and formerly of Pleasant Lake died Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born in Arcadia, Ind., on March 19, 1916, to the late Thurman Porter and Roxie (Allman) Charles.

She was a teacher for 10 years in schools in Indiana and Ohio then in the Angola school system for 25 years. She was a member and taught Sunday school and was a strong supporter of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church until her health kept her at home.

Mrs. Hedglin loved to garden and tend flowers and was active in several study groups.

She married LaGrand Hedglin in 1945 in Angola and he died in 1961.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles and Vicki Hedglin of Hazard, Ky., and Richard Hedglin of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Roxana and Don Bentz of Auburn; a brother, Burdett Charles of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Angelica Hedglin of Pleasant Lake, Gina (John) Nepsa of Fishers, Andy Bentz of Auburn and Renee Bentz of Fort Wayne; four stepgranddaughters; one great-granddaughter, Katrina Nepsa; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, Searle Charles.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Metz, Ind.

Calling is two hours prior to the service Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Patricia Caperton

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Patricia L Caperton, 80, died Thursday, November 19, 2009, at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, where she had been a patient since Sunday.

She was born on July 28, 1929, to Clayton and Auline (VanZile) Chorpenning in Hicksville, Ohio.

Pat retired from Sheller Globe in Grabill, Indiana.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Hicksville, where she was a past deaconess and a member of the Women's Council.

She was an avid reader of mysteries and enjoyed the outdoors.

Pat is survived by a son, Larry (Joyce) Ice of Angola, Ind., five daughters, Johnel Erdman of Albany, Ga., Tammy (Charlie) Compton of Kendallville, Ind., and Penny (John) Battershell, Robin (Ken) Sanders and Roberta (Jon Fry) Zimmerman, all of Hicksville; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Jack (Gwen) Chorpenning of Hamilton, Ind.

Preceding her in death were her parents and two sisters, Deloris Lewis and Peggy Jo Smith.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at First Church of Christ, Hicksville.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home and one hour prior to service at the church.

Memorials may be given to First Church of Christ.

Condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Area businessman loved Rome City

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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ROME CITY — Harry Holsinger spent his life in business, but his heart was for Rome City.

Holsinger owned and operated the Holsinger Market grocery store in Rome City from 1940 to 1979, and leased the buildings for many area businesses, including Subway and Oak Tree Family Restaurant in Rome City, and the Family Dollar, Ace Hardware and Dari Point Restaurant in Ligoner.

Holsinger died Sunday, Nov. 15, at the age of 90.

"I think, basically, he was just part of Rome City forever, his whole life," daughter Karen Sue Richmond said.

Harry Holsinger was born in Rome City in 1919 and spent his life there. He met his wife, Lucille, at Rome City High School after she moved there from Fort Wayne as a sophomore. The couple married Sept. 17, 1939.

"They were married 70 years on the 16th of September," Richmond said. "They were partners in everything they did. Where you saw Dad, you usually saw Mom."

Harry Holsinger attended Purdue University with hopes of becoming an electrical engineer, Richmond said.

"He was so determined in his education," she said. "He hitchhiked back and forth to Purdue."

However, when his father Neil, a grocer, died of a heart attack, Harry and Lucille Holsinger took over the family store and operated it for 39 years. Harry Holsinger also worked at General Electric, and Lucille Holsinger would help run the grocery store and close up each night, said his daughter-in-law, Kathy Holsinger.

"Hand-in-hand, they worked very hard," she said. "He worked several jobs at a time."

Harry Holsinger also was a Noble County commissioner for three terms and a Rome City volunteer firefighter for 39 years. He was a member of the Rome City Lions Club and the Rome City United Methodist Church, too.

Mr. Holsinger

"He was strictly a people person," his son, Don Holsinger said. "He enjoyed helping people, but he didn't want to be recognized for that."

"He was very humble," Richmond said. "He didn't care where people came from or where they were. He was interested in their future. He didn't care what their social status was. That never mattered to my dad."

Harry and Lucille Holsinger also were world travelers. Through a food marketing organization, the couple were able to visit numerous places, including Africa and Russia, Kathy Holsinger said.

"He would show slides to anybody who wanted to see them," she said. "He took pictures and slides to my daughter's school one time. You name it, he was there."

After retirement, Harry Holsinger didn't slow down much. The Holsingers spent winters in Florida, where Harry Holsinger enjoyed golfing with his friends. When he was in Rome City, he would go over to the Oak Tree Family Restaurant, across the street from his house, every morning at 6 a.m. for coffee and debate with his friends.

"They'd discuss what happened, what would happen, what the state of the world was," Richmond said. "Sometimes he'd go back over there in the afternoon, too."

But most important to Harry Holsinger was his family, which included three children, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

One granddaughter remembers Holsinger teaching her how to drive a stick-shift vehicle, Kathy Holsinger said, and a grandson remembers playing in the basement of the grocery store.

"When he was little, he remembers running around in the basement of the store, and they'd make tunnels out of the boxes and run through them," she said.

Even as he grew older, Harry Holsinger still tried to make it to family cookouts and picnics.

"He was elderly, getting up there, but he'd sure try to come," Kathy Holsinger said. "He thoroughly enjoyed it."

"He was strictly a people person. He enjoyed helping people, but he didn't want to be recognized for that."

Don Holsinger
Describing his father, Harry

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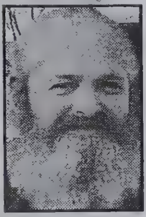
Roger Schlatter

FORT WAYNE — Roger J. Schlatter, 66, died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, in his home.



Mr. Schlatter

He is survived by his step-mother, Elizabeth Schlatter; two daughters and sons-in-law, Regina and Virgil Duke, and Rebecca and Jeff McCoy; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Rex and Cynthia Schlatter, Ricky and Nancy Schlatter, Roger and Lani Schlatter, Robert and Mary Schlatter and Rodney Schlatter; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Duane and Sue Schlatter, and Lynn Schlatter; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Robert Young, and Joann and John Steiren; two step-brothers, Doug and Dick Kempf; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father Clifford V. Schlatter in 2001, grandson Luke McCoy in 2001 and step-brother James Kempf.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at D.O. McComb & Sons, Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Jewel officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn.

To sign the online guestbook go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Harold Pepple

CORUNNA — Harold L. Pepple, 90, of Corunna, Ind., died at 9:10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was an engineer on the B & O Railroad for 45 years, retiring in 1983.

Mr. Pepple

Mr. Pepple was a lifetime member of the Garrett Eagles and a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the Corunna Community Church.

On May 3, 1919, he was born in Mishawaka, Ind. He married Ruth N. Kern on Nov. 16, 1940 in Auburn, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 22, 1995.

Surviving are three sons, H. Steven Pepple, Garrett, Daniel Pepple, Angola, and Jerry Pepple, Orland; a daughter, Janet Smart, Corunna; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren.

A memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent or online register book signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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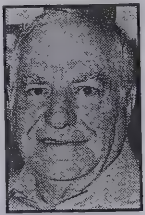
Henry Jefferson

ALBION — Henry Ford Jefferson, 72, of Albion, died unexpectedly on Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.


Mr. Jefferson

Mr. Jefferson was born in Carrie, Ky., on Sept. 8, 1937, to the late Eddie and Canzlia (Short) Jefferson.

He graduated from Wayland High School in 1955, and later he graduated from Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne.

He first married Barbara Louise Jefferson on Jan. 4, 1958, in Hindman, Ky. She preceded his death on Jan. 10, 2002. He later married Carolyn Joan Strunk on April 3, 2004, and she survives him.

Henry was a mechanic and assembly line worker for 30 years with International Harvester in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He retired in October 1997.

He loved spending time with his family, gardening and the outdoors, and playing his guitar and harmonica. Henry enjoyed his church family and friends and was a dedicated member of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake where he was a member of the deacon board.

Henry was an avid I.U. basketball fan, and he and his son enjoyed working on cars together.

Survivors include his wife Carolyn (Strunk) Jefferson, Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Tammy Jefferson of Larwill; four grandchildren, Jeremy Jefferson of Larwill, Richelle and Keith Deck of Columbia City, Joshua and Kelly Jefferson of Columbia City and Brandon Fulk of Kendallville; a great grandson, Kaleb Deck; a stepdaughter, Rhonda and Tim Blankenship of LaGrange; three stepsons, Brad Ritchie of Rome City, Jason and Chastity Ritchie of Rome City and Ricky Shoup of Kendallville; six step grandchildren; one step great grandchild; a brother, Jackie ad Dede Jefferson of Columbus, Ohio; and three sisters, Rosemary and Lew Smith of Rock Creek, Ohio, Cloteen and Doug Cartmell of Mentor on the Lake in Ohio, and Delilah Sitts of Cleveland, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his son Gary Jefferson in 1973 and his daughter Sheila Ann Fulk in 1981.

Services will be Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake with Pastor Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Jeremy and Josh Jefferson, Jason Ritchie, Jackie Jefferson, Sonny Huston and Brandon Fulk. Honorary casketbearers will be Max Young and Dan Stump.

Calling will be Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Sonja Ottinger

Mrs. Ottinger

CROMWELL — Sonja Jo Ottinger, 47, of Cromwell passed away Thursday, November 19, 2009, unexpectedly while at home.

She was born February 10, 1962, in Huntington to Jay Rittenhouse and Nancy Sands. She married Mark Ottinger on May 23, 1981.

Mrs. Ottinger moved to the area in 1990 from Columbia City. She worked as a licensed massage therapist.

Sonja was a member of Broadway Christian Church. She loved people, poetry and reading.

Surviving are her husband, Mark A. Ottinger of Cromwell; three children, Kari (Jose) Antunez of Ligonier, Justin Billy Ottinger of Cromwell and Bradly (Megan) Ottinger of Churubusco; four grandchildren, Keegan and Makynzie Ottinger and Eliana and Elias Antunez; two sisters, Penni (Mark) Sievers of Columbia City and Kelly Townsend of Burkett; one brother, Allen Golden of Jefferson City, Mo.; a stepfather, Lee Golden of Syracuse; a stepmother, Fran Rittenhouse of Monticello; and her grandmother, Josephine Sands of Huntington.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be Monday, November 23, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Broadway Christian Church, 0208 N. C.R. 900W, Kimmell, with the Rev. Richard Rensner officiating. A private family burial will take place.

Visitation will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, and one hour prior to funeral service at the church.

Memorials are to Broadway Christian Church, 7046 W. C.R. 200N, Cromwell, IN 46732; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 120 Wall Street, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10005; or The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Mildred Sheets

COLUMBIA CITY — Mildred J. Sheets, 91, of Columbia City died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, in the emergency room at the Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. Burial will follow at the Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla.

To sign the online register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Ramona Wisthoff

ANGOLA — Ramona Ellen Wisthoff, 91, of Angola died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehab, Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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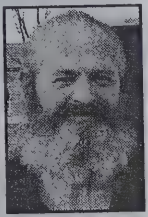
Roger Schlatter

FORT WAYNE — Roger J. Schlatter, 66, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2009, at his home.

He was born October 29, 1943, to the late Clifford V. and Lucille (Yorkivich) Schlatter.


Mr. Schlatter

He is survived by his daughters, Regina (Virgil) Duke and Rebecca (Jeff) McCoy; his sons, Rex (Cynthia) Schlatter, Ricky (Nancy) Schlatter, Roger (Lani) Schlatter, Robert (Mary) Schlatter and Rodney Schlatter; his ex-wife and her husband, Roseann (Larry) Kinsey; a special friend, Linda; his brothers, Duane (Sue) Schlatter and Lynn Schlatter; his sisters, Donna (Robert) Young and Joanne (John) Steiren; his stepmother, Elizabeth Schlatter; his stepbrothers, Doug and Dick Kempf; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Luke McCoy in 2001, and a stepbrother, James Kempf.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, at D.O. McComb & Sons, Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior.

Pastor Jewel will officiate.

Additional calling was held Monday.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn, Ind.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Mary Dale

ANGOLA — Mary Ann Dale, 53, of Angola, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Friday, Nov. 27, 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Dorinda Conley

SYRACUSE — Dorinda Carol Conley, 39, of Syracuse died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, in a traffic accident in Syracuse.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be in Benton Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Anita Depew

EDGERTON, Ohio — Anita L. Depew, 69, of Edgerton and formerly of Bryan, Ohio, and Garrett, Ind., died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, at her home.

She was employed for the Hicksville Dry Cleaners for seven years.

Mrs. Depew

She was also a singer for the Big Country Band.

She was born May 3, 1940, in Weston, W.Va., to Adrian N. and Mary L. (Graves) Thompson.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin L. and Mark Shockley of Edgerton, Ohio, and Christen D. and Brent Terry of Garrett; three sons and daughters-in-law, Harvey A. and Cheryl Depew of Butler, Clyde H. and Angie Depew of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Steve M. and Jennie Depew of Harlan; one brother and sister-in-law, Adrian N. Jr. and Mary Thompson of Garrett; 14 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Allen L. Depew.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Max Begley officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Hospital Hospice and Home Health, 433 West High St., Bryan, Ohio 43506.

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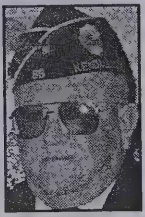
Dallas Iddings

KENDALLVILLE — Dallas H. "Buck" Iddings, age 82, of Kendallville died on Monday, November 23, 2009, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

He was born in Jefferson Township, Noble County, on October 9, 1927, to the Late Harold and Evelyn (Rimmell) Iddings.


Mr. Iddings

Mr. Iddings served his country in the United States Navy during WW II from 1942 to 1946.

He married Joan Haverfield and she preceded him in death on May 29, 2000

Mr. Iddings was a self-employed contractor for over 20 years.

He was an active member and a past commander of the Kendallville American Legion Post 86, the Albion American Legion Post and the Avilla American Legion Post. He was a member of the Kendallville Francis E. Vineyard VFW Post 2749 where he also sold Buck's Coney Dogs on Saturdays for several years.

Survivors include one brother, Franklin and Patricia Iddings of Albion; one sister, Delores Corpenning of Albion; two nieces, Pat and Jim Mesing of Jacksonville, Florida, and Susie Williams of Angola; one nephew, David and Bobbie Likens of Kentucky; two great-nieces, Tammy and Chris Cotton of North Webster and Traci and Edward Schuh of Dallas, Texas; seven great-great-nieces and nephews; and one great-great great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife; Joan (Haverfield) Iddings; one infant son; Ricky Iddings; and one sister.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 25, 2009, from 10 a.m. to noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at noon at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Stan Wilson.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne.

View a video tribute by Wednesday, November 25, 2009, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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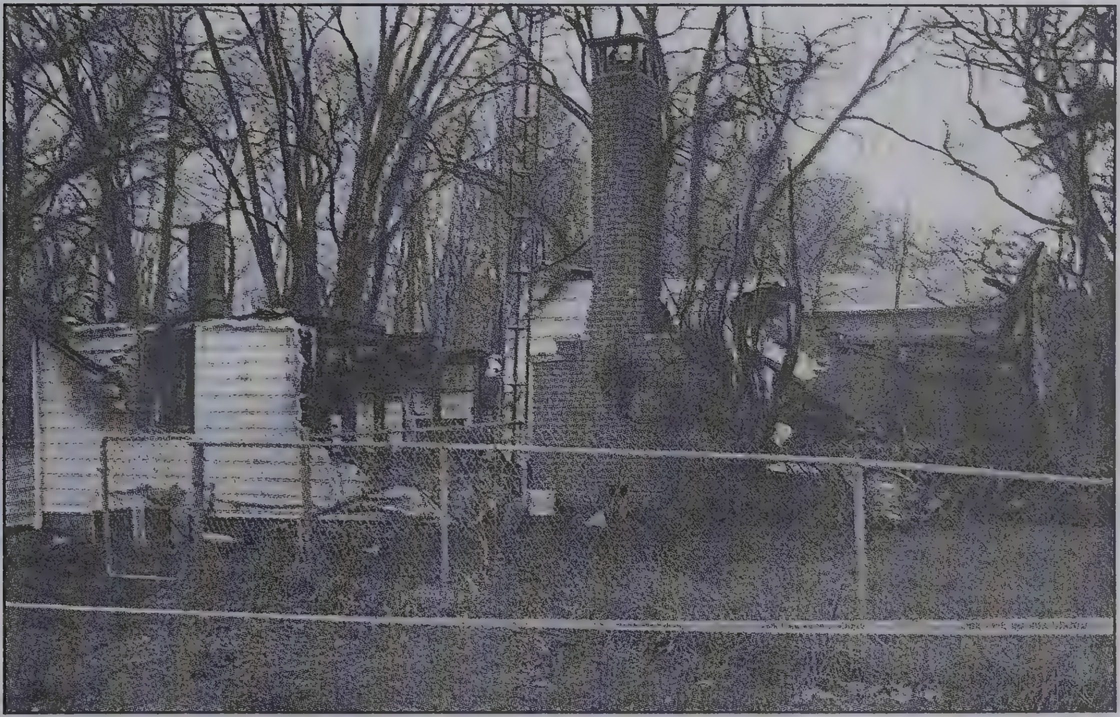
Blaze claims 83-year-old



An 83-year-old woman and her pet dog died when fire destroyed this house on Leighty Road about six miles north of Kendallville late Monday night.

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Son tries to rescue mother, but flames force him back

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — A rural Kendallville woman died late Monday night when fire swept through her house north of the city.

Betty Diehl, 83, of 6435 E. Leighty Road, lived alone in the house across the road from her son and his wife, Jerry and Vickie Diehl, according to Vickie Diehl. She had lived in the single-story house for about 58 years. Her husband, Bob Diehl, passed away about eight years ago, and Vickie and her husband were caring for Mrs. Diehl.

Approximately 40 firefighters from Kendallville, Orange Township, Johnson Township and Avilla responded to the 911 call at about 11:23 p.m. that a house was fully engulfed in flames with a woman trapped inside.

The wood-frame house with a partial basement was fully involved when firefighters arrived at the scene at 11:32 p.m. about six miles north of Kendallville, according to Kendallville Fire Chief Mike Riehm. "There was partial structure collapse when we arrived," he said. "The entire house was encased in flames."

Firefighters got the fire under control at 12:12 a.m. Tuesday.

"We couldn't go inside and fight the fire because the floor over the basement had holes in it," said Riehm. A preliminary investigation has indicated the fire started in the middle of the house.

The woman's body was found in a back bedroom at the foot of a bed and close to an exterior wall.

Vickie Diehl called 911 to report the fire.

"I looked out the window of my house at about 10 p.m. before going to bed and it was dark and everything over there looked fine," she said. "At about 11:30 p.m. I looked out the window and saw a huge orange glow. At first I thought it was the garage over there, but then I ran to a living room window and saw it was her house."

Vickie's husband ran outside,

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FIRE: *Pet chihuahua is presumed dead from blaze*

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across the road and broke through the back bedroom window to rescue his mother, but heavy smoke and flames forced him to back away, she said.

"My mother-in-law used a walker to get around but her mind was sharp. She liked to read John Grisham novels," she said.

Mrs. Diehl had a pet chihuahua that was missing Tuesday morning and Vickie presumed it died in the fire.

Noble County EMS, the Noble County Sheriff's Department and an investigator with the state fire marshal's office were on the scene. Albion firefighters were on standby at Kendallville fire station No. 2.

The house was a total loss, said Riehm. Cause of the fire remains under investigation. A state fire marshal's investigator was at the scene again today.

An autopsy was performed to determine the exact cause of death, according to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. Results of the autopsy were not available Tuesday night, but Gaff said she appeared to have lost her life as a result of the fire.

Firefighters were back in service at 5:36 a.m.

Margaret Ward

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret E. "Maggie" Ward, 100, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Betty Diehl

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Diehl of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 23, 2009.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Carole Wheeler

FORT WAYNE — Carole Ann Wheeler, 77, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Service is 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue with calling one hour prior, Pastor Larry Goodwin officiating.

Calling from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the SPCA of Fort Wayne. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Viola Sowles

GARRETT — Viola R. Sowles, 76, of Garrett died Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Sowles

Mrs. Sowles worked for the Hamilton Product Company and the MidAmerican Corp. in Auburn for 10 years.

She attended the Auburn Alliance Church.

She was born November 11, 1933, in Paulding, Ohio, to Doyle and Elizabeth (Farlee) Purk.

She married Dorsey Sowles on May 13, 1950, in Akron, Indiana. He died on Sept. 13, 2001.

Surviving are one son and his family, Dorsey Wayne and Dayle Sowles of Durham, N.C., and his children and grandchildren, Michelle, Rodney, Bradley, Sarah, Kenna, Kaylee, Gavin, and Evan; three daughters and their families, Judy Beard of Garrett and her children and grandchildren, Tara, Cheyenne, Shawnee, and Lakota; Janet and Steve Carper of Fort Wayne and their children, Michael, and Marci; and June Fifer and companion Dan Graves of Hamilton and her children and grandchildren, Aaron, Kimberley, Nikki, Maddy, Baylee, Tori, Caleb, and Tristen; and a sister-in-law, Ruth Purk of Coldwater, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and one brother, Louis Purk.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St. Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Shelter Ministries Food Bank.

Charlotte Burnham

AUBURN — Charlotte Burnham, 80, of Auburn died Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burnham was a homemaker.

She attended the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born May 8, 1929, in Royal Oak, Mich., to Orin G. and Natalia Ely.

She married Lawrence Burnham on June 28, 1946, in Dowagiac, Mich., and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Deanna Burnham of Aiken, S.C.; two grandchildren, Sean Camp, and Addam Camp; and four great-grandchildren, Cody Camp, Cordell Camp, Gage Camp and Austin Camp.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a daughter, Lorri Camp.

There will be no calling.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Mary Dale

ANGOLA — Mary Ann Dale, 53, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Dale

Mrs. Dale retired after 35 years of service with Brammell Inc. in Angola.

She had lived most of her life in the Angola and Fremont area and was a 1975 graduate of Angola High School.

Mrs. Dale attended the Mont-gomery United Methodist Church in Montgomery, Mich.

She was born Jan. 8, 1956, in Angola to Dorothy L. (Straw) Slaybaugh and Arthur Slaybaugh. She married Joseph B. "JB" Dale on July 10, 2004, at Cave City, Ky. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Peggy Dale of Portage, Mich.; two stepsons, Ken and Marie Dale of Camden, Mich., and Tom and Deb Dale of Montgomery, Mich.; a sister, Linda Lucarelli of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Danny Slaybaugh and David Slaybaugh; 10 stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Edward Mohr officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Eileen Mercer

ANGOLA — Eileen Marie (O'Brien) Mercer, age 92, passed away at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola, Ind., on November 23, 2009.

Mrs. Mercer

Eileen spent the majority of her life either vacationing at or, for the past 25 years, living in the family home at Snow Lake in Fremont, Ind.

She enjoyed her many senior activities including bowling, traveling and was a very avid bridge player.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late Leo and Marie O'Brien.

Eileen graduated from St. Augustine Academy with the class of 1935. She was a member of St Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola and the Alter & Rosary Society of the church.

She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose.

She is survived by her sons, Ron (Phyllis) Mercer of Fremont, Ind., and Tim (Nancy) Mercer of Hendersonville, Tenn.; a sister, Mary Jane (John) Niehaus of Kirkwood, Mo.; and a daughter-in-law, Carole Mercer of Clarksville, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale; a son, Larry; and a brother, Robert O'Brien.

Eileen had five grandchildren, Tammy Henry, Paige Ortiz, Gary Mercer, Nicki McIntyre and Erin Mercer.

Eileen also immensely enjoyed her five great-grandchildren, Courtney Henry, Keri Henry, Brianna Mercer, Jessica Ortiz and Samantha McIntyre.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, November 30, 2009, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, Indiana.

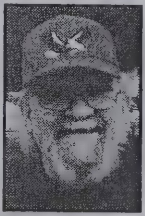
Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, November 29, 2009, and from 9-9:45 a.m. before the service on Monday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Memorials are to Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola, Indiana.

Arrangements are be handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

George Coleman Jr.

GARRETT — George L. Coleman Jr., age 67 of Garrett, Ind., died at 3:03 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2009. He was born March 23, 1942, in Kendallville, Ind., to George L. and Laura Mae (Hoffelder) Coleman Sr.


Mr. Coleman

He was a graduate of Kendallville High School in the class of 1960.

He married Lorraine M. Rowe on March 30, 1963, in Kendallville, Ind., and she died January 15, 2004.

He served in the Army from 1960-1963, serving on their Honor Guard unit.

He was a cook at Kraft Foods in Kendallville, Ind., for 45 years, retiring on September 1, 2009.

George enjoyed IU basketball and playing poker with his friends.

George is survived by his mother, Laura Mae Coleman, Kendallville, Ind; two sons and one daughter, Todd L. (Tammi) Coleman of Auburn, Ind., Tim L. Coleman of Garrett, Ind., and Tamara L. Coleman of Auburn, Ind.; four grandchildren, Zachary Coleman of Auburn, Ind., Christina Meyer of Auburn, Ind., Seth Coleman of Avilla, Ind., and McKenzie Coleman of Ashley, Ind.

George is also survived by three brothers and a sister, Charles (Cheryl) Coleman of Garrett, Ind., Randy (Sharon) Coleman of Auburn, Ind., Ronald (Sherri) Coleman of Kendallville, Ind., and Judy (Joe) Straw of Rome City, Ind.; two sisters in-law, Carol Parr of Garrett, Ind., and Barbara Rowe of Garrett, Ind.; and a brother-in-law, Richard Rowe of Waterloo, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his father, George L. Coleman Sr.; and his wife, Lorraine M. Coleman.

A memorial graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, November 30, 2009, at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, Ind., with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. There will be graveside military services by the Garrett American Legion, VFW and U.S. Army.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfunerakhome.org.

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Virginia Davis

GARRETT — Virginia Davis, age 89, formerly of Garrett, Ind., died at 12:58 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, Ind.

Mrs. Davis

She was born December 17, 1919, in Garrett, Ind., to Nicholas and Johanna (Istrate) Fratila. She married John D. Davis on October 12, 1940, in Garrett, Ind., and he died in 1987.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Ind.

Virginia is survived by two sons, David C. and Joanne Davis of Lake Pleasant, Bronson, Mich., and John M. and Phyllis Davis of Nevada Mills, Ind. She is also survived by three grandsons, Ernest Davis of Fort Wayne, Ind., Gregory and Tracy Davis of Garrett, Ind., and Steven and Sheila Davis of Cambridge, Ind.; and seven great-grandchildren, Zackary, Sierra and Sabrina Davis, all of Garrett and Corrina, Savannah, Chloe and Haley Davis, all of Cambridge, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas and Johanna Fratila; her husband, John D. Davis; and a son, Dennis Davis.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Friday, November 27, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind.

The services will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 28, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, Ind.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart — St. Francis Neighborhood

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Karen Corcoran

AUBURN — Karen Marie Corcoran, 50, of Auburn, Indiana, lost her year-long battle with colon cancer on Sunday, November 22, 2009.

Mrs. Corcoran

She was born in Iron Mountain, Mich., on January 26, 1959.

Karen was a 1977 graduate of North Dickinson High School. While in high school she enjoyed working with handicapped people and played the tenor saxophone in the North Dickinson band.

She married Patrick Corcoran on April 16, 1977, in Iron Mountain, Mich.

Pat and Karen have lived and worked in several places over the years. Karen has worked as a teacher's aide in Rockford, Mich., at Toys R Us in Elgin, Ill., and for the floral department at Kroger's in Auburn, Ind.

She was a den mother for her children's Cub Scout activities.

Karen loved to read and was an avid Green Bay Packers fan, and also enjoyed fishing and doing puzzles.

She especially loved having family gatherings at her home in Auburn, Ind. She was a proud and doting grandmother to Sophia Ignacio.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Donald McDonald.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick; three sons, Jamie and Jennifer Corcoran of Thorp, Wis., John Corcoran of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Jacob Corcoran of Fort Wayne, Ind.; her mother, Jeanette McDonald (Bozile) of Sagola, Mich.; brothers and sisters, Mike McDonald, Larry (Cheryl) McDonald, Terry (Dawn) McDonald, Laurie (Dan) Dunbar and Patti (Tom) Roell; her mother-in-law, Bonita Corcoran; brothers- and sisters-in-aw, Norma Hoke, Bob Olson, Carol (Richard) Paisley, Margie Corcoran, Mary (Skip) Schreiber, and Mike (Sue) Corcoran.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 27, from 10 a.m. until noon at St. Rose Church in Channing.

Funeral services will be at noon Friday at the church. Father Jeffrey Kurtz will offer the Mass of the Christian burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Karen Corcoran online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Mildred J. Sheets, 91

COLUMBIA CITY – Mildred J. Sheets, 91, of Columbia City, died Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Emergency Room at the Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mildred was born in Noble County on April 3, 1918 to the late Clarence "Ted" Dafforn and Nola (Gross) Dafforn. She was married to Joseph Cleland who passed away in 1958. She married Goss Young in October 1967, he died in July 1970. She married Harry Sheets on October 14, 1978, he passed away on June 21, 2008. Mildred had lived in Columbia City since 1978, coming from Avilla. She was a homemaker and enjoyed wintering in Florida.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret (Cleland) Ross of Avilla and Janice (Cleland) Bozarth of California; two stepdaughters, Kaydean Blackman of Columbia City and Nancy Sue Sheets of Rhode Island; one stepson, Dewayne Sheets of Columbia City; five grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Gale (Margaret) Dafforn of Columbia City; two sisters, Lois Cotterman of Columbia City and Joanne (Walter) Gaff of Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, one brother Harry Dafforn, and one son-in-law Richard Ross.

Funeral services were on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla officiated the service.

Burial followed at the Avilla Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

To sign the online register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Sonya Jo Ottinger, 47

CROMWELL – Sonya Jo Ottinger, age 47, of Cromwell, IN passed away unexpectedly November 19, 2009 while at home.

She was born on February 10, 1962 in Huntington, IN to Jay Rittenhouse & Nancy Sands. She married Mark Ottinger on May 23, 1981.

Sonja moved to the area in 1990 coming from Columbia City. She worked as a licensed massage therapist, was a member of Broadway Christian Church, enjoyed reading & writing poetry, & possesed a special love for people.

Survivors include her husband: Mark Ottinger of Cromwell, three children: Kari (Jose) Antunez of Ligonier, Justin Billy Ottinger of Cromwell, and Bradly (Megan) Ottinger of Churubusco; four grandchildren, Keegan & Makynzie Ottinger, Eliana & Elias Antunez; two sisters, Penni (Mark) Sievers of Columbia City, Kelly Townsend of Burkett; one brother: Allen Golden of Jefferson City, MO; a stepfather, Lee Golden of Syracuse; a step-mother, Fran Rittenhouse of Monticello, and her grandmother, Josephine Sands of Huntington.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service was held for Sonja on Monday, November 23, 2009 at Broadway Christian Church-0208 N. 900 W. Kimmell, IN 46760, with Reverend Richard Rensner officiating.

A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions will be to Broadway Christian Church- 7046 W. 200 N. Cromwell, IN 46732; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation- 120 Wall St., 19th Floor, New York, NY 10005; or the American Cancer Society- P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Ruby Opal Carpenter, 90

KENDALLVILLE – Ruby Opal Carpenter, age 90, of Kendallville, died on Friday, November 20, 2009 at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Carpenter was born in Allen Township of Noble County, Indiana on April 25, 1919 to the late Albert and Lillie (Bell) Varner.

She married Ralph "Shorty" Carpenter on November 16, 1938 in Avilla and he preceded her death July 26, 1983.

She was a homemaker and former member of the Allen Township Extension Homemakers Club. She was also a member of the First Church of God in Kendallville. Ruby enjoyed craft making and traveling.

Survivors include: daughter, Jean (John) Allread of St. Paris, Ohio; two sons, Carl (Sandy) Carpenter of Huntertown, Paul (Marilyn) Carpenter of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Jill Allread and her partner, Pam Freese of Chicago, Illinois and Shelly (Dale) Cummins of Collins; seven grandsons, Scott Carpenter of Huntertown, Terry Carpenter of Churubusco, Jerry (Terri) Allread of Wellington, Ohio, Jim (Candice) Allread of West Chester, Ohio, Tony (Melissa) Carpenter of Kendallville, Matt (Amy) Carpenter of Kendallville, and Mike (Beth) Carpenter of Huntertown; two step-grandsons, Chris and Jeff Molargik of Fort Wayne; seven great-granddaughters and ten great-grandsons; nephew, LeRoy Altimus of Brimfield.

She was also preceded in death by her two sisters, Iva Altimus and Perma Varner, and a great grandson, Jerry Lee Allread, Jr.

Funeral services were Monday, November 23, 2009 at First Church of God. Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Jim Kane. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion. Casketbearers were Ruby's grandchildren.

Preferred Memorials may be made to First Church of God Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to: Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Henry Ford Jefferson, 72

ALBION - Henry Ford Jefferson, age 72, of Albion, died unexpectedly on Friday, November 20, 2009 at Dekalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. Jefferson was born in Carrie, Kentucky on September 8, 1937 to the late Eddie and Canzlia (Short) Jefferson. He graduated from Wayland High School in 1955 and later he graduated from Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne.

He first married Barbara Louise Jefferson on January 4, 1958 in Hindman, Kentucky. She preceded his death January 10, 2002. He later married Carolyn Joan Strunk on April 3, 2004 and she survives him.

Henry was a mechanic and assembly line worker for 30 years with International Harvestor in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He retired in October 1997. He loved spending time with his family, gardening and the outdoors, and playing his guitar and harmonica. Henry enjoyed his church family and friends and was a dedicated member of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake where he was a member of the deacon board.

Henry was an avid I.U. Basketball fan and he and his son enjoyed working on cars together.

Survivors include: his wife, Carolyn (Strunk) Jefferson of Albion; son, Ricky (Tammy) Jefferson, of Larwill; four grandchildren, Jeremy Jefferson of Larwill, Richelle (Keith) Deck of Columbia City, Joshua (Kelly) Jefferson of Columbia City, and Brandon Fulk of Kendallville; one great-grandson, Kaleb Deck; stepdaughter, Rhonda (Tim) Blankenship of LaGrange; three stepsons, Brad Ritchie of Rome City, Jason (Chastity) Ritchie of Rome City, Ricky Shoup of Kendallville; six stepgrandchildren and one step-great-grandchild; brother, Jackie (Dede) Jefferson of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters, Rosemary (Lew) Smith of Rock Creek, Ohio, Cloteen (Doug) Cartmell of Mentor On The Lake, Ohio and Delilah Sitts of Cleveland, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Gary Jefferson died in 1973 and his daughter, Sheila Ann Fulk died in 1981.

Funeral Services were Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at Wolf Lake Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Dan Carlson. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Jeremy and Josh Jefferson, Jason Ritchie, Jackie Jefferson, Sonny Huston, and Brandon Fulk. Honorarybearers will be Max Young, Dan Stump.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Margaret Ward

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Elizabeth "Maggie" Ward, age 100, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Ward

Mrs. Ward had resided the past few years at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Ward was born in Veedersburg, Indiana, on June 23, 1909, to the Ralph Joseph and Sylvia B. (Carnagey) Bogan.

She graduated from Veedersburg High School in 1927 and Butler University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in education.

She married Herman J. Ward on December 24, 1930, in Washington, Indiana, and he preceded her death in 1972.

Mrs. Ward was a fifth-grade teacher at North Side, Rome City and Avilla elementary schools for more than 31 years. She retired from teaching in 1971.

Maggie loved playing Bridge regularly with her friends and she enjoyed playing golf.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Pidge Ward of Bellbrook, Ohio; two grandsons, James and Margaret Ward of Tampa, Florida, and Thomas Ward of Tampa, Florida; and five great-grandchildren, Katherine, James, William, Ethan, and Grant Ward.

She was also preceded in death by her granddaughters, Leslie Ward, Kimberley Ward and Jacqueline Ward; her brothers, Carl and Dean Bogan; and a sister, Grace Bryant.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 1, 2009, from 11 a.m. to noon at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on the corner of Diamond and Oak streets in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at noon Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Father James Stoyle.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Preferred memorials may be made to Masses or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville, Indiana

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betty Diehl

KENDALLVILLE — "Little" Betty Diehl, 85, of rural Kendallville, died on Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, at her home.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, the Rev. Harry Smith officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will be printed Saturday.

J.B. Parker

GARRETT — J.B. Parker, 86, formerly of Auburn and Waterloo, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

No services are planned.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn are handling arrangements.

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Carole Wheeler

FORT WAYNE — Carole Ann Wheeler, 77, died Monday, November 23, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born November 3, 1932, in Kendallville, she received her nursing degree in 1962 working as an LPN for 47 years. She served 21 years at Lutheran Hospital, retiring in 2006.

Mrs. Wheeler

She also worked at Community Home Health Care for four years and volunteered at SPCA.

She was a member of Carroll Road Christian Church, Indiana Nurses Association, and a life member of XI Gamma Nu Sorority.

"She dedicated her life to nursing, her children and her love of animals."

She is survived by her children: Gregory Wayne (Caroline) Sheets and Jeffory Thomas Sheets, both of Fort Wayne, Linda Carole Sheets of Austin, Texas, Douglas Eugene Sheets of Virginia Beach, Va., Brenda Sue (Sheets) Hyndman and Faith Ann Webb (Matthew), both of Fort Wayne, and Hope Angela Sheets of Florahome, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her mother, Floi (Parr) Grimm of Fort Wayne; her brothers, Robert Allen Wheeler and Richard Arden Wheeler, both of Bryan, Ohio; an aunt, Polly Parr-Parker of Avilla; and her former husbands, Wayne E. Sheets of Fort Wayne and William E. DeWert of Nashville, Tenn.

Carole was preceded in death by her father, Henry Lawrence Wheeler, and a brother, James Henry "Jimmie Boy" Wheeler.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with Pastor Larry Goodwin officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the SPCA of Fort Wayne.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Edward Grady Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Edward A. Grady Sr., 88, of Kendallville died Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at his residence.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church or Shriners Hospital.

A full obituary for Mr. Grady will appear in Saturday's edition.

Susan Neuhaus

AUBURN — Susan Drew (Franke) Neuhaus, 64, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, at her residence in Auburn.

Mrs. Neuhaus was a homemaker.

She was a 1963 graduate of Central Catholic High School.

Mrs. Neuhaus

Surviving are her husband, Donald Neuhaus of Auburn; sons, Chris M. (Taunya) Anderson of Fort Wayne, Brad P. (Brandy) Anderson of Fort Wayne, Jody (Cathy) Neuhaus of Kendallville and Matthew (Eva) Anderson of Zionsville; a daughter, Carol (Tom) Firks of Noblesville; and 14 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton Drive, Fort Wayne, with Father Thomas Shoemaker officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road with vigil at 4:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or Parkview Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Helen Northam

FREMONT — Helen Marie Northam, 87, of Fremont died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at her home.

During World War II, Mrs. Northam had worked as an inspector at the Ford Willow Run Plant in Ypsilanti, Mich., where World War II bombers were made. In the 1960s, she was employed part time at Hadley's Dime Store in Fremont.

Mrs. Northam

Throughout her life, her main career was being a wonderful wife and loving mother.

She attended Fremont High School.

Helen was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star 229 in Ashley, Ind. and the American Legion Cassel Post 257 Auxiliary in Fremont.

She was a longtime member of the Fremont Fire Department and over the years helped with many of the fire department's duties. She also served as a first responder.

Helen enjoyed oil painting, knitting, reading, gardening, nature and cooking.

She was born Feb. 12, 1922, in Ray, Mich., to Levi and Mary Ellen (Musgrove) Norton. They are deceased.

She married Raymond M. Northam on June 5, 1938. He preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters Ruth Ann Sandusky and husband John Sandusky of Van Etten, N.Y., and Ellen Wilkinson-Ballie and husband Raymond Ballie of Three Rivers, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Virginia "Ginny" Northam of Greenville, Mich.; 10 grandchildren, John Sandusky, Michael Sandusky, LeRoy Northam, Lori Hansen, Lisa Wernet, Leslie Garrison, Travis Wilkinson, Tracey McDonald, Jeremy Northam and Christy Piluso; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two sons, Jerry and Charles "Chuck" Northam; and one brother, Levi "Tyke" Norton.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, November 29, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with an Eastern Star service at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, November 29, at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, November, 30, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Dr. Gregory Chupp officiating.

Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to the Fremont Fire Department in Fremont, Ind.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Paul McAlpin

PLEASANT LAKE — Paul M. McAlpin, 88, died Tuesday Nov. 24, 2009, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. McAlpin was a lifetime Steuben Township farmer.

He was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Paul was born Dec. 19, 1920, in Bedford, Ind., to Wilford and Cora (Boone) McAlpin. He married Berta Wolfe in 1941 and she died in 1978.

Surviving are a foster daughter, Caroline Bail of Spokane, Wash; a brother, Ed McAlpin of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Geraldine Vanlieu of Los Angeles, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother, Wayne McAlpin.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Lake Cemetery at Pleasant Lake, Ind. The Rev. George Foulk will officiate.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church or Regency Place.

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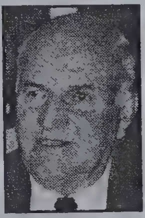
W. Bernard Savoie

KENDALLVILLE — W. Bernard Savoie, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Savoie was born in Brimfield, Noble County, Indiana, on December 12, 1925, to the late Walter John and Ruby (Schott) Savoie.


Mr. Savoie

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1943 and went on to serve his country from 1943-46 in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Laws destroyer in the Pacific Theatre during WW II.

After returning from the war, he married Fern Virginia Shaffer on November 2, 1947, at the Mitchell Street United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Bernard was a lifetime, self-employed farmer. He was also a school bus driver for Wayne Center Elementary School for 35 years.

Bernard was very active in various memberships and administrative boards. He was a life member of the Francis Vineyard VFW Post 2749 and the American Legion Post 86, both in Kendallville, and he was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301.

He served on the Noble County Zoning Board and Planning Commission, the U.S.D.A. Board Farm Service Agency in Albion, and was a member of Farmer's Mutual Insurance Board in Avilla and the Noble County Fair Board.

He was also a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Fern Savoie of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Janine and Gene Lawrence of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Diana Savoie of Kendallville; his four grandchildren, including Janelle Lawrence of Columbia, Missouri, Jordan Lawrence of South Milford, Joshua Savoie of Kendallville, and Jonathan and Lindy Savoie of Round Lake Park, Illinois; and two great-granddaughters, Kylee and Allyson Savoie.

His four grandchildren were very important to him and he was very proud of them all.

Bernard enjoyed all his nieces and nephews, Sheryl Westfall, Jeff and Randy Bond, LeeAnn Adolf, Lynn Komasara, Andrea Morrow, Ford and Harlan Frick, Carolyn Heller, Sharon Snyder and Karen McDonald.

Bernard had a great time talking with Lynn's husband, Dr. David Komasara, about farming.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters, Virginia Frick, Frances Bowman and Rosemary Squire

Visitation will be Friday, November 27, 2009, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, November 28, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Tom Dyson.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Jordan Lawrence, Jonathan Savoie, Joshua Savoie, David Komasara, Ken McDonald and Darrin Perkins.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Legion Post 86 or to the VFW Post 2749.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Bety Diehl

KENDALLVILLE — "Little" Betty Diehl, age 85, of Kendallville died on Monday, November 23, 2009, at her home in rural Kendallville.

Mrs. Diehl

Mrs. Diehl was born in Kendallville on October 14, 1924, to the late Earl and Sarah Ellen (Collins) Leighty.

She survived being run over by a freight train and three box cars at the age of 21 months in 1926.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1943.

During World War II, she worked at Lawson's Diner and on airplane engines at Baer Field Airport in Fort Wayne.

She later went to California with her sister and brother where she met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Diehl, who was serving in the U.S. Navy. They came back to Indiana after the war and were married on December 24, 1945, in Kendallville and he left her to be with the angels in heaven on August 11, 2001, after 55 years of marriage.

Betty was a waitress at the Publix Cafe and the Redwood Drive-In in Kendallville.

She retired from JC Penney on Main Street downtown Kendallville after about 15 years.

Betty enjoyed reading and crocheting, until her eyes failed her. She loved being with her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy and Terry Jones of Kendallville; her son, Jerry and Vickie Diehl of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Jones of Kendallville, Mike and Tammy Niccum of Fort Wayne, Jason Diehl and companion, Leann Hammond, both of Leesburg, Jackie and Kent Hamblin of Kendallville, Joey Diehl and his companion, Tiffany Parr, both of Kendallville, Jeremy and Nicole Diehl of Wolcottville, and Justin and Sheila Diehl of Kendallville; 10 great-grandchildren, Dalton Jones, Lucy, Logan and Tyler Niccum, Sydney and Austin Hamblin, Allyson, Ashlynn and Aaron Diehl and Owen Diehl; two nieces in Florida, Kim and Max Taylor and Kris and Hop Elect; and one nephew and niece in Spokane, Washington, Dan and Judy Diehl and Vickie Qualle.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Eleanor Ellenbecker, and three brothers, Earl Jr., Walter and John Leighty.

Visitation will be today, Saturday, November 28, 2009, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Sunday, November 29, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Harry Smith.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be her grandchildren.

Preferred memorials may be made to donor's choice.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Jack Clady

AUBURN — Jack W. Clady, 78, of Auburn and formerly of Garrett died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Clady

Mr. Clady is a retired forklift driver for Sheller Global in Grabill.

He was born Sept. 29, 1931, in Garrett to Wilford and Dorothy M. (Diederich) Clady. He married Katherine C. Shuff on March 27, 1956, in Garrett. She died Nov. 27, 2006.

Surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Kim J. and Clarence Thomson of Auburn, Denise E. Parker of Garrett, Marsha A. Warfield of Auburn, Karen D. Slone of Waterloo, Jennifer D. and Zack McPherson of Auburn and Jackie L. and Vallis Huff Jr. of Garrett; two sons, Troy W. Clady of Garrett and Todd E. Clady of Garrett; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and one brother, DuWayne Clady.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Kim Thomson.

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Betty Merrifield

LAGRANGE — Betty Lou Merrifield, 81, of LaGrange, Ind., died Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange, Ind.

Mrs. Merrifield

Living her lifetime in LaGrange County, she was a member of the LaGrange American Legion Post 215 Auxiliary.

In 1980, she retired from Kirsch Company in Sturgis, Mich., where she had worked since 1946.

Mrs. Merrifield was born on March 24, 1928, in LaGrange County to Archie L. and Retha V. (Ringler) Gage. On December 7, 1946, in Wolcottville, Ind., she married Jean L. Merrifield. He preceded her in death on June 23, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon and Jack Miller of LaGrange and Debra Merrifield of LaGrange; a granddaughter, Lori Miller; three grandsons, Robert Miller, Shawn Mynhier and Travis Reeve; and a sister, Mary Ellen Alexander of Kendallville, Ind.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and two brothers, Gene and William Gage.

Funeral services will be on Monday, November 30, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan, LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Ind.

Visitation will be on Sunday, November 29, 2009, from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Donald Henderson

GARRETT — Donald G. "Buster" Henderson II, 44, of Garrett died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be on Monday at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. Burial will follow at the Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. The Avilla American Legion Post 240 will conduct military graveside services.

Calling will be on Sunday from 3-8:00 p.m. A Masonic service will be conducted at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Relay for Life, the Auburn Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To sign the online guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Edward Howard

GARRETT — Edward Allen Howard, 80, of Garrett died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Howard was a train master on the B&O Railroad for 41 years, retiring in 1986.

Mr. Howard

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1953 and was in the Honor Guard in 1953.

Mr. Howard was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Garrett Masonic Lodge for 50 years.

He was born Nov. 7, 1929, in Monticello, Ind., to William R. and Grace L. (Landgreaver) Howard. He married Doris A. Dolan on Oct. 28, 1951 in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving is a son, Steven Howard of Garrett, and his mother in-law, Margaret D. Dolan, of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Embery Cemetery in rural Garrett with military graveside services conducted by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. and an Order of the Eastern Star service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association

Condolences may be sent online to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Edward Grady Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Edward A. Grady Sr., 88, a Kendallville businessman and lifetime resident died Wednesday, November 25, 2009, in his residence.

Mr. Grady

Mr. Grady graduated from Kendallville High School in 1939, of which he was the class President. He was a member and Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. He was a 50-year member of the following: Past Worthy Patron of OES Chapter 122, the Masonic Lodge 276, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Mizpah Temple and Kendallville Elks Lodge. He was president of the directors staff of Mizpah Temple, charter member of the Kendallville Jaycees, and was a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Mr. Grady was employed at McCray Refrigeration Company in the Credit and Collection Department, and later as Customer Supervisor at the G.E. Supercharger Plant in Fort Wayne. In 1943, he joined his father in the Grady Construction business. As the owner of Grady Inc., he developed Friendly Village, Scottsdale Subdivision, and Friendly Village Plaza.

At Grady Construction Inc., he and his father rebuilt Newnam Foundry after it was destroyed by fire and removed the third floor off the Beyer Campbell Banta building on the corner of South Main and West William Streets. He also did construction work on many store buildings on Main Street, the YMCA Camp at Dallas Lake, Boy Scout Camp on Big Island on Sylvan Lake, and many homes in Kendallville and the surrounding area.

He was also the owner of Grady Realty Inc., and, as he drove down the streets of Kendallville, he remembered either remodeling, building, or selling at least one home on almost every street. Mr. Grady had a passion for building and finding homes for people. His comment was, "I have the best people in the world working with me." He also had the highest regard for Dick Shultz, who worked with him for 42 years.

Mr. Grady was one of ten local businessmen who purchased the land from the Beyer Foundation which the city developed into Sunset Park on Drake Road.

Mr.Grady recently donated 22 acres east of Riley Road, north of the Friendly Village Subdivision and Lake View Cemetery to the city for a park.

He was born to Virgle C. and Ella K. (Zeltman) Grady on December 5, 1920, at 410 N. Main St. in Kendallville. He was delivered by Dr. F.A. Lawson, this being his first baby upon entering practice in Kendallville.

On July 4, 1941, in Garrett, he married Mary Nancy Whelan. She preceded him in death on February 8, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Gary Sutton and Patricia and Richard Wiehe; two sons, Edward A. Grady Jr. and Paul Grady; a sister, Helen Bowman; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be today, Saturday, November 28, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church or Shriners Hospital.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Alton Grimm

HUNTERTOWN — Alton H. Grimm, 72, of Huntertown, died Thursday, November 26, 2009, at 7:10 a.m. at the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born October 16, 1937, in Merriam, Indiana, to the late Jesse and Rachel Marcel Snoke Grimm. On September 9, 1960, at the First Christian Church in Kendallville, he married Sandra Leonhardt. She survives in Huntertown.

He had lived in Huntertown for the last 47 years.

He worked for five years at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, then worked for Stratoflex in Fort Wayne for over 30 years as a personnel manager. He also drove school bus for 15 years for the Northwest Allen School District.

Alton loved to be outdoors, looking at old classic cars, woodworking and spending time with his family. When his children were little he was Cub Scout Leader of Huntertown Pack 3055 and was a T-ball and softball coach.

Among his survivors include his wife Sandra; a son Arian and Jennifer Grimm of Churubusco; three daughters, Sherry and Steven Mays of Kendallville, Terri and David Uchtman of Fort Wayne and Loree and Richard Strong of LaOtto; nine grandchildren, Amber Mays, Dylan Mays, Chase Mays, Alyssa Grimm, Jacob Grimm, Kaitlyn Grimm, Rachel Uchtman, Joshua Uchtman and Destiny Strong; and one sister, Delores Treesh of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the funeral home from 2-4:00 and 6-8 p.m.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be directed to the Huntertown United Methodist Church or the Riley Children's Hospital.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Thank You

The families of Jean Longstreth wish to thank the entire community - those who prepared food, nurses & doctors at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, Yeager Funeral Home, Rev. Harold Gingerich and hospice for your thoughtfulness and support during our time of loss. Your kindness has given us much consolation.

Jean's Children and Family

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Full life in a small package

Ryan Zimmerman 'lit up everybody's world'

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Although he stood just over 4 feet tall, Ryan Zimmerman was a huge presence in nearly every room he strode into, and a lifelong friend and role model for many in the area.

Zimmerman, 36, of Angola died Nov. 4, following a lifetime of ailments.

Zimmerman's mother, Sharlla Zimmerman, said her son was an electric presence in a room every time he walked in.

"He just lit up everybody's world," Sharlla said. "He was somebody special. He endured a lot, but he always got through it. He came into a room and you just noticed him right away."

Sharlla said doctors were never really quite sure of what had caused her son's dwarfism. His symptoms were most similar to Williams Syndrome, which causes an "elfin-like" facial appearance, but he did not fit many of the other symptoms of the illness. Unlike many with dwarfism, Sharlla said, her son was perfectly proportioned. While Williams Syndrome often leads to mental retardation, her son attended Ball State University and was extremely intelligent.

However, it wasn't his dwarfism that caused him the most pain. Zimmerman also suffered from Perthes disease, a degenerative hip condition that caused him to spend a lot of time in the hospital and forced him to wear braces growing up.

"He had to wear the brace to try and get the bones to heal correctly," Sharlla said. "But he still rode a bicycle and did all of the things he wasn't supposed to do. Can't just wasn't in his vocabulary. If they told him he couldn't do something, he would do it."

Even after both his hips were replaced, Zimmerman was likely in constant pain for the whole of his life, Sharlla was told by doctors.

"He never complained," she said.

Sharlla said she was always surprised that her son didn't get more teasing from classmates at Prairie Heights due to his condition. She said that his classmates, seeing what he went through and how he carried himself, likely prevented any such teasing.

"The kids who started school with him saw what he went through, they protected him," she said. "A lot of it was his attitude, too, the way he handled himself. All of his best friends were big guys."

One of those friends was Jim Clark. Clark met Zimmerman when they both started their freshman year of high school. The two became friends easily, something that came naturally to Ryan.

"Once he started talking to someone, he was their best friend," Clark said. "He never let his size get in the way of anything he wanted to do."

Rooming with Zimmerman in college brought him a new appreciation of his friend's way with people.

"I was always a well-known person, but for the first time in my life I was just 'Ryan's roommate.' No one who ever met him disliked him," he said.

Zimmerman lived with Clark and his wife a number of years after college. Clark said Zimmerman's friendly nature extended to the young, including his young daughter. "He'd be carrying her around at 40 pounds," Clark said. "He'd always tell people, 'Jim's the father, but I'm the dad. It was my girl.'"

Zimmerman was also a major presence on local baseball diamonds, both as a coach and as an umpire.

"He was a sports fanatic," Clark said. "If he wasn't playing, he was watching baseball or football."

Longtime friend Jody Morrow got to know Zimmerman by playing basketball. Later on, when Morrow was starting his career as a coach in the Orland Little League program, there was only one person he knew he wanted to help.

"Ryan was the first person I called," Morrow said. "He had a lot more of the intricate knowledge of baseball than I did." A few years later, when both left coaching for a period, Ryan also took up umpiring. He even looked into umpiring professionally, Sharlla said, however, he was concerned about his hips. When Ryan began his own coaching career, he called up Morrow to act as his assistant. Morrow said that as it had been in school, Ryan commanded the respect of his players. "They respected him a lot more than they did me," he explained. "Personality-wise, he was 6 feet, 3 inches and went about 250 pounds."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Ryan Zimmerman made fast friends everywhere he went. Despite his small stature, friends and family say his out-sized personality made him a beloved figure of nearly all who knew him.

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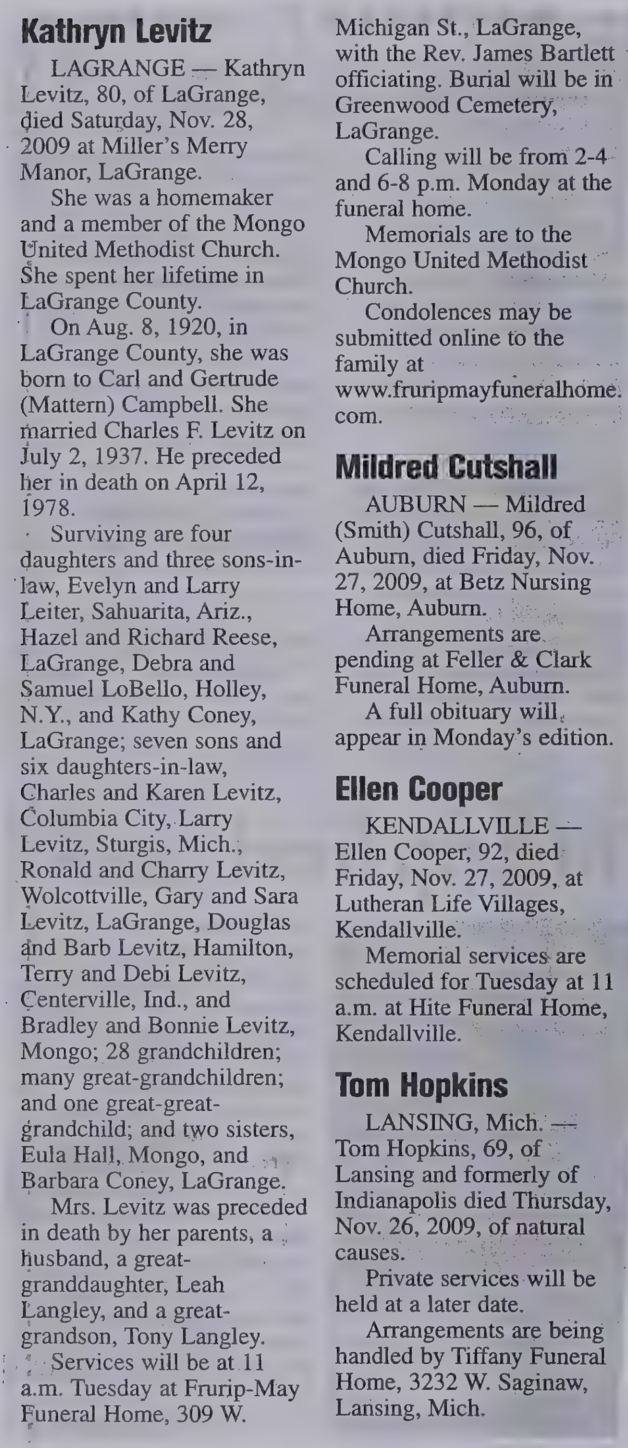

Kathryn Levitz

LAGRANGE — Kathryn Levitz, 80, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Mongo United Methodist Church. She spent her lifetime in LaGrange County.

On Aug. 8, 1920, in LaGrange County, she was born to Carl and Gertrude (Mattern) Campbell. She married Charles F. Levitz on July 2, 1937. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1978.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Evelyn and Larry Leiter, Sahuarita, Ariz., Hazel and Richard Reese, LaGrange, Debra and Samuel LoBello, Holley, N.Y., and Kathy Coney, LaGrange; seven sons and six daughters-in-law, Charles and Karen Levitz, Columbia City, Larry Levitz, Sturgis, Mich., Ronald and Charry Levitz, Wolcottville, Gary and Sara Levitz, LaGrange, Douglas and Barb Levitz, Hamilton, Terry and Debi Levitz, Centerville, Ind., and Bradley and Bonnie Levitz, Mongo; 28 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Eula Hall, Mongo, and Barbara Coney, LaGrange.

Mrs. Levitz was preceded in death by her parents, a husband, a great-granddaughter, Leah Langley, and a great-grandson, Tony Langley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be submitted online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mildred Cutshall

AUBURN — Mildred (Smith) Cutshall, 96, of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

Ellen Cooper

KENDALLVILLE — Ellen Cooper, 92, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Memorial services are scheduled for Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Tom Hopkins

LANSING, Mich. — Tom Hopkins, 69, of Lansing and formerly of Indianapolis died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, of natural causes.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Tiffany Funeral Home, 3232 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Mich.

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Anna Lytle

FREMONT — Arlene H. Lytle, 90, of Fremont died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, Angola.

She was born Feb. 27, 1919, in Jamestown Township, Steuben County to John Henry and Carrie (Dawes) Lytle. She was a 1937 graduate from Fremont High School and member of Faith Baptist Church, Fremont. She loved her cats.

Miss Lytle

Miss Lytle was employed at Cleveland Trailer Sales in Angola. She enjoyed working for Avon, babysitting, and working at The Rice Bowl and Family Affair restaurants.

Surviving are four sisters, Norma Rathbun of Fremont, Juanita Wells of Angola, Betty Cope of Fremont and Beatrice MacLean of Columbus, Ohio; and many, many nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Wilbur J. Lytle and Russell L. Lytle.

Visitation will 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral Service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec, 2, 2009, at Faith Baptist Church, Fremont, with Pastor Arnold Fair officiating. Burial will be at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church, Fremont.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Ellen Cooper

KENDALLVILLE — Ellen Elnora Cooper, 92, of Kendallville, died on Friday, November 27, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Cooper was born in Cairo, Illinois on March 25, 1917, to the late Francis and Frieda Elizabeth (Reese) Corzine. She married Hugh E. Cooper on December 17, 1938, in Omaha, Nebraska. Hugh preceded her in death on March 22, 1999.

Mrs. Cooper was employed as the church secretary at the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville from 1964-1990. Ellen was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution and the First Presbyterian Church, and her she enjoyed frequently gathering with her friends to play Bridge. Ellen was a 40-year member of The Girl Scouts of America. She was a past troop leader and past President of the Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council.

Survivors include a daughter, Carole and James Goetz of Southington, Ohio; a son, John Cooper of Canon City, Colo.; three granddaughters, Lori Hullinger of Montana, Kajeen Irwin of Nashville, Tenn., and Wende Goetz of Dayton, Ohio; and four great-granddaughters, Erika Penland, Cole and Shea Hullinger, and Griffin Sherman.

She was also recently preceded in death by her youngest daughter, Lynne Hart, who died October 25, 2009.

Memorial funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church on the corner of State and Williams Street in Kendallville. Officiating the memorial service will be Rev. Stan Wilson.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is taking care of the arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Edward Howard

GARRETT — Edward Allen Howard, 80, of Garrett died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett with military graveside services.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. and an Order of the Eastern Star service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correctly report the deceased's age.*

Kathryn Levitz

LAGRANGE — Kathryn Levitz, 89, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Mongo United Methodist Church. She spent her lifetime in LaGrange County.

On Aug. 8, 1920, in LaGrange County, she was born to Carl and Gertrude (Mattern) Campbell. She married Charles F. Levitz on July 2, 1937. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1978.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Evelyn and Larry Leiter, Sahuarita, Ariz., Hazel and Richard Reese, LaGrange, Debra and Samuel LoBello, Holley, N.Y., and Kathy Coney, LaGrange; seven sons and six daughters-in-law, Charles and Karen Levitz, Columbia City, Larry Levitz, Sturgis, Mich., Ronald and Charry Levitz, Wolcottville, Gary and Sara Levitz, LaGrange, Douglas and Barb Levitz, Hamilton, Terry and Debi Levitz, Centerville, Ind., and Bradley and Bonnie Levitz, Mongo; 28 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Eula Hall, Mongo, and Barbara Coney, LaGrange.

Mrs. Levitz was preceded in death by her parents, a husband, a great-granddaughter, Leah Langley, and a great-grandson, Tony Langley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be submitted online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Mildred Cutshall

AUBURN — Mildred (Smith) Cutshall, 96, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Cutshall was a homemaker.

Mrs. Cutshall

She was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was also a member of the Prudent Circle of the church and the church choir. She also volunteered her time as a pianist for Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born July 18, 1913, in Green Township of Noble County, Indiana to Dean and Mary Elizabeth (Harrold) Smith.

She married Rupert Cutshall in April of 1933. He passed away in May of 1999.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul Cutshall of Garrett, and John and Janet Cutshall of Garrett; one daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Ann (Cutshall) and Jack Teegardin of Long View, Texas; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Charles W. Smith; and one sister, Emily Herbst.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the funeral service Friday at the Church.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Youth for Christ.

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Phylis Peisert

LAGRANGE — Phylis Jean Peisert, 87, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at Kingston Residence in Fort Wayne.

She came to LaGrange in 1960 from Muskegon, Mich. She worked as a secretary at Dou-Therm in LaGrange and as a receptionist for Dr. Flannigan and Dr. Studebaker. Phylis also volunteered as a Red Coat for the LaGrange Hospital. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and loved music and Broadway Theater. She was a world traveler with her husband and loved her dogs, Betsy and Buddy.

Mrs. Peisert

Phylis was born on October 24, 1922, in Muskegon, to Orville and Jessica (Scott) Carey.

On May 3, 1943, she married Philip T. Peisert in Wichita Falls, Texas. He preceded her in death on April 28, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Sue Peisert of San Rafael, Calif., and Gary and Kathy Peisert of Fort Wayne; one grandson and his wife, Sean and Kathryn Peisert of San Rafael, Calif; three nieces, Sandy Connor of Jupiter, Fla., Linda Springstead of Oceanside, Calif., and Pam and Gene Bentz of Los Angeles, Calif.; two great-nieces, Kelly Buda of Charlotte, N.C., and Meghan Connor of Jupiter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a husband and a sister, Margaret Springstead.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will take place at the funeral home Saturday from 1 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials may be made to Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46819.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Jon Phillips

MOROCCO, Ind. — Jon Sheldon Phillips, 56, of Morocco, Ind., formerly of Fremont, passed away Friday, Nov. 27th, at Seton Specialty Hospital of Indianapolis, Ind. He had been a patient there since the 1st of November.

Jon was born May 18th, 1953, in Angola, Ind., to Robert and Bettie (Harring) Phillips.

He is survived by two children, daughter Sheldon and Barry Cruser of Lafayette, Ind., son Travis Phillips of Morocco, Ind., granddaughter Elizbeth Cruser of Lafayette, Ind., 3 stepchildren and spouses and 3 stepgrandchildren.

Two sisters, Bobbye and Galen Champion of Fremont, Bonnye and Randy Albright of Angola, 3 brothers, Ron and Kay Phillips of Tennessee, Jeff Phillips of Tennessee and Jerry and Jennie Phillips of Angola, nieces and nephews Jesse Phillips, Zachary and Robert Phillips, Richard and Cheryl Hufnagle, Robert and JoEllen Presley, Ronye and Tony Gleason, Nikki Vives, Traci and Troy Portner of Hamilton, Kelly and Ray Draper of Hamilton, several great nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

To those above he gave unconditional love.

Jon was preceded in death by his parents Robert (1960) and Bettie (2006) Phillips and both paternal and maternal grandparents.

Jon drove truck for many years for R.M.T. Rick McCann of Morocco, Ind. Jon also worked for Swager Towers of Fremont, Ind.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Fremont Legion Dec. 13, 2009, beginning at 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please join us.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 1, 2009, Tuesday

Mary Pletcher

BLANCHESTER, Ohio — Mary Irene (Jones) DuVall Pletcher, of Blanchester, Ohio, and formerly of Rome City, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at her home.

A celebration of life service will take place in the spring at IOOF Cemetery in Blanchester.

Mary Bojrab

FORT WAYNE — Mary B. Bojrab, 85, a resident of Eel River Township in Allen County, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, at 9:15 a.m. at her home.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Private family services will be held at the mortuary with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 13733 Wesley Chapel Road, Churubusco, IN 46723.

Ernest Fernatt

AUBURN — Ernest Ray "Ernie" Fernatt, 67, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov 19, 2009, at his home.

A celebration of life gathering took place Sunday at Hubbard Hill estates in the Sailor Community Center, Elkhart.

Elkhart Cremation Services is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Elkhart County Humane Society, P.O. Box 123, Elkhart, IN 46515.

Mark Aldrich

LAPORTE — Mark E. Aldrich, 89, of LaPorte, died Saturday Nov. 28, 2009, at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Green Springs, Ohio.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Haverstock Funeral Home, Inc., 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte, with the Rev. Gene Paul officiating.

Calling will be Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of LaPorte, 610 Maple Avenue, LaPorte, IN. 46350. Online condolences may be made at haverstockfuneralhome.com.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CONNIE RICHARDS

Thank you to everyone who helped care and love for her and to show her how special she was. All of the cards, flowers, food and gifts were received with much gratitude. The outpouring of support from family and friends could not have been greater. Connie was blessed to know that she was loved by many.

Sincerely,
The Family of
Connie Richards

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 2, 2009, Wednesday

Shipshewana man dies in crash

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — A one-vehicle crash left a 49-year-old Shipshewana man dead Monday night, according to news reports.

Witnesses told police they saw the man's Chevy pickup go past at a high rate of speed, then heard a loud noise. The truck went off the side of the road and struck a tree, then hit another tree and wrapped itself around it.

Michigan State Police were not releasing the man's name Tuesday, pending notification of family.

Lydia Yoder

TOPEKA — Lydia J. Yoder, 100, of Topeka, died early Tuesday morning, Dec. 1, 2009 at her residence.

Services will be Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Christy Mast residence, 3650 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka, with Bishop Christy Mast and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Clearspring Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at her residence, 3900 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka.

Online condolences may be left at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Madelene Rose

ANGOLA — Madelene Rose, age 95, passed away Nov. 30 peacefully at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

She was born April 7, 1914, in Bridgeport, Ill., to the late Charles and Rose McClure.

Mrs. Rose

She was a loving mother and grandmother who loved spending time with her family. She resided at Lake Gage after retiring from Peter Eckrich with 18 years of service.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith (Len) Hutson of Angola; daughter-in-law, Pat Rose of New Haven; four grandsons, Michael (Chris) Scott, Jeffrey Scott both of Angola, Brad (Heather) Rose of Woodburn, and William Hutson of New Haven; one granddaughter, Kim (Dan) Pelz of Charlotte, NC; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William; son, Michael; grandson, Bruce Rose; and brother, Everett.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, with the Rev. Steve Altman officiating. Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.

To sign the online guest book, go to mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 2, 2009, Wednesday

Mark Aldrich

LAPORTE — Mark E. Aldrich, 89, of LaPorte, died Saturday Nov. 28, 2009, at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Green Springs, Ohio.

He was born Sept. 5, 1920, in Angola, the son of D. Dean Aldrich and Edna (Spade) Aldrich.

Mark received an engineering degree from Tri-State University in 1948. He moved to LaPorte and worked for Allis Chalmers. In 1965 he was transferred to LaCrosse, Wis., and returned to LaPorte in 1966. After Allis Chalmers closed, he became a project engineer for the State Highway Department and retired in 1984 after 11 years of service. He was a member of the First Christian Church of LaPorte and LaPorte Camera and Travel Club. He was a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts and Explorers for nine years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant during World War II.

On June 7, 1942, in Angola, he married Katherine J. Carrick Aldrich who survives.

He is also survived by his son, Thomas M. (Kathryn) Aldrich Sr. of Clyde, Ohio; four grandsons, Thomas (Amy) Aldrich Jr., Aaron (Charlotte Blackwell) Aldrich, Gregg (Rachael) Aldrich, James (Melissa Kaiser) Aldrich; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Donald Aldrich, and stepbrother, Ned Sherrick.

Arrangements are being handled by Haverstock Funeral Home, 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte, where the family will receive friends Thursday, Dec. 3, from 5-7 p.m. A memorial service will be held at Haverstock Funeral Home, Inc., on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Gene Paul officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of LaPorte, 610 Maple Avenue, LaPorte, IN. 46350.

Online condolences may be made at haverstockfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Kurtz

TOPEKA — Barbara Ann Kurtz, 64, of Topeka, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, at 8:15 a.m. at the home of her son, John Jay Kurtz, after battling cancer since May.

She was born Aug. 27, 1945, and was a lifetime area resident.

She worked in the Westview School cafeteria and was a member of the old order Amish Church.

She is survived by a son, John Jay (Leanna) Kurtz; three grandchildren, Elaine, Michael and Marcus Kurtz; four brothers, John (Lucille) Kurtz of Topeka, Manelius, who is deceased (Elise) Kurtz of Millersburg, Jacob (Fannie) Kurtz of LaGrange and Christ (Christina) Kurtz of Bourbon; and three sisters, Mattie (Joe) Fry of Topeka, Susie (Willis, who is deceased) Eash of Topeka, and Ella (Harley) Weaver of Dalton, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, a brother, a sister-in-law and a brother-in-law.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the John Jay Kurtz residence, 4315 W. 600 S, Topeka, with Bishop Daniel Otta and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Pallbearers will be David Kurtz, Jonas Weaver, Merlin Eash, Delmer Fry, Lavern Kurtz and Chris Lamar Kurtz.

Calling will be today after 1 p.m. and all day Thursday at the John Jay Kurtz residence, 4315 W. 600 S, Topeka.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 2, 2009, Wednesday

Margaret Elizabeth Ward, 100

KENDALLVILLE – Margaret Elizabeth "Maggie" Ward, age 100, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Ward had resided the past few years at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Ward was born in Veedersburg, Indiana on June 23, 1909 to the Ralph Joseph and Sylvia B. (Carnagey) Bogan. She graduated from Veedersburg High School in 1927 and Butler University in 1955 with a Bachelor's degree in education.

She married Herman J. Ward on December 24, 1930 in Washington, Indiana and he preceded her death in 1972.

Mrs. Ward was a 5th grade teacher at Northside, Rome City and Avilla Elementary Schools for over 31 years. She retired from teaching in 1971.

Maggie loved playing Bridge regularly with her friends and she enjoyed playing golf. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include: Son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Pidge Ward of Bellbrook, Ohio. Grandson, James and Margaret Ward of Tampa, Florida. Grandson, Thomas Ward of Tampa, Florida. Great grandchildren, Katherine; James, William, Ethan, and Grant Ward.

She was also preceded in death by her granddaughters, Leslie Ward, Kimberley Ward, and Jacqueline Ward; brothers, Carl and Dean Bogan; and a sister, Grace Bryant.

Funeral Services were at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Officiating the funeral service was Fr. James Stoyle. Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Preferred Memorials may be made to masses or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

W. Bernard Savoie, 83

KENDALLVILLE – W. Bernard Savoie, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Savoie was born in Brimfield, Noble County, Indiana on December 12, 1925 to the late Walter John and Ruby (Schott) Savoie.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1943 and went on to serve his country from 1943-46 in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Laws destroyer in the Pacific Theatre during WWII.

After returning from the war, he married Fern Virginia Shaffer on November 2, 1947 at the Mitchell Street United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Bernard was a lifetime, self employed farmer. He was also a school bus driver for Wayne Center Elementary School for 35 years.

Bernard was very active in various memberships and administrative boards. He was a life member of the V.F.W. Post #2749 and the American Legion Post #86 both in Kendallville and he was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge.

He was on the Noble County Zoning Board and Planning Commission, the U.S.D.A. Board Farm Service Agency in Albion member of Farmer's Mutual Insurance Board in Avilla and the Noble County Fair Board Member. He was also a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Survivors include: His wife of 62 years, Fern Savoie of Kendallville. Daughter and son-in-law, Janine and Gene Lawrence of Kendallville. Son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Diana Savoie of Kendallville.

His four grandchildren including Janelle Lawrence of Columbia, Missouri, Jordan Lawrence of South Milford, Joshua Savoie of Kendallville, and Jonathan and Lindy Savoie of Round Lake Park, Illinois. Two great granddaughters: Kylee and Allyson Savoie. His four grandchildren were very important to him and he was very proud of them all.

Bernard enjoyed all his neices and nephews, Sheryl Westfall, Jeff and Randy Bond, LeeAnn Adolf, Lynn Komasara, Andrea Morrow, Ford and Harlan Frick, Carolyn Heller, Sharon Snyder, and Karen McDonald. Bernard had a great time talking with Lynn's husband, Dr. David Komasara about farming.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters, Virginia Frick, Frances Bowman and Rosemary Squire

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Tom Dyson. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Casketbearers were Jordan Lawrence, Jonathan Savoie, Joshua Savoie, David Komasara, Ken McDonald, Darrin Perkins.

Preferred Memorials may be made to American Legion Post #86 or to the VFW Post #2749.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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December 3, 2009, Thursday

Kenneth Krider

PEORIA, Ariz. — Kenneth J. "Joe" Krider, 75, passed away Nov. 25, 2009, in Peoria, Ariz.

Joe was born to J. Kenneth and Arminie (Young) Krider on October 31, 1934, in Garrett, Indiana.

He graduated from Garrett High School in 1952.

He married Patricia Lung on March 4, 1955, in Auburn.

He was employed at Dana Corp. for 28 years, receiving four years of schooling as a journeyman repairmen, machine repair.

He retired to Sun City, Ariz., in 1996. He volunteered many years for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Posse and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Sun City.

Survivors include wife, Pat; three sons, Gary of Coldwater, Mich., Jeff and Mark of Garrett; four grandchildren, Regina, Troy, Lance and Brett; and three great-grandchildren, Trinity, Kayla and Bryce.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Barbara Haynes and Patricia Lublow.

Per Joe's request, no services were held and cremation was done.

Memorials may be sent to Sun City Posse, P.O. Box 2229, Sun City, AZ 85372.

Lynn Bair

CHURUBUSCO — Lynn I. Bair, 73, of Churubusco died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, at his home.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Karl D. Glass

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After ten years our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Your Loving Family

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 4, 2009, Friday

Lynn Bair

CHURUBUSCO — Lynn I. Bair, 73, a resident of rural Churubusco, died peacefully at 11:38 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the family residence in Smith Township.

Mr. Bair was born in Noble County on November 8, 1936, a son of Ebony and Ada (Haney) Bair, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1954. On December 31 of that year he was married to Anita C. Shively, and spent his adult life in Smith Township in Whitley County.

Mr. Bair

Employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 30 years, he retired from there in 1985. He later worked as a truck driver for Egolf Grain Company, and more recently worked as a driver for the Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne.

He was a member and elder of the Sugar Grove Church of God, north of Churubusco. A dedicated family man, he especially enjoyed attending and supporting his grandchildren's sporting activities.

The surviving relatives include his wife, Anita; five daughters, Debra (Ben) Lowe of Queen Creek, Ariz., Shelly Lybarger of Churubusco, Terri (Ron) Skinner of Albion, Susie (Kevin) Teague of Churubusco, and Amy (Charlie) Vice of Albion; two sisters, Nora Jane Bair and Mary Lois Edwards, both of Albion; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Bair and Paul Bair; a sister, Pauline Delanoy; a grandson, Andy Vice; and a great-grandson, Jacob Teague.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco today, Friday, from 2 to 8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Shriner's Hospitals For Children, 2001 S. Linbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131-3597; or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Bair's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Kenneth Washburn

AUBURN — Kenneth Robert Washburn, 65, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec, 2, 2009, at his home.

He was born Sept. 12, 1944, in Johnson City, N.Y., to Osmond N. and Elizabeth E. (Martin) Washburn. His mother is deceased and his father sur-vives in Natchez, Miss. He married Marilyn Durst on June 1, 1970, in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and she survives

Mr. Washburn

He was a minister and an attorney.

Mr. Washburn was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart.

His church was Home Church.

He was a member of the Florida Bar Association, Legal Aid Society, Christian Legal Society, Gideon's, Mensa and Kiwanis International of Orlando, Fla.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Todd Jr. Hauter of Waterloo; a sister, Sharon Rushing of Natchez, Miss.; two brothers, Douglas Washburn of Virginia and Richard Washburn; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Patty Washburn, and a brother, Timothy Washburn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne VA Hospital.

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December 4, 2009, Friday

Ronald Robinson

FORT WAYNE — Ronald F. Robinson, 66, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after a short illness.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Memorials are to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

James Lung Sr.

BUTLER — James R. Lung Sr., 74, of Butler died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Robert Derrow

AUBURN — Robert L. Derrow, 80, of Menomonee Falls, Wis., formerly of Auburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009.

Services will be Friday, Dec. 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Burial will be at St. Anthony's Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until time of the service.

Harvey Neumann

HILLIARD, Ohio — Harvey L. Neumann, 59, of Hilliard died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at his home.

Graveside services were held Thursday at Butler Cemetery in Butler, Ind., with his cousin, Pastor Scott Miner, officiating.

Memorials are to Volunteers of America Men's Services, 624 Harmon Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43024.

Shipshewana crash victim identified

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Michigan State Police are still investigating a crash that killed a Shipshewana man Monday night.

Randy Meyer, 49, died when his truck struck two trees near the Indiana state line in White Pigeon Township, Michigan. Meyer was allegedly speeding and went off the side of the road and hit the trees.

Ramona Wisthoff

ANGOLA — Ramona Ellen Wisthoff, 91, of Angola died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Wisthoff had been an elementary school teacher and musician.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Angola, the Rusty Pipes Band and a former member of the Michigan City Symphony.

She was born Oct. 2, 1918, in Chicago to Eugene and Ella (King) Ostrander. She first married Eugene J. Lyle and he preceded her in death. She then married Hubert J. Wisthoff and he also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth Wisthoff of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Eugene J. Lyle, and a daughter, Ellen Marie Daily.

Services will be at 3 p.m Saturday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 314 N. Williams St., Angola, with Pastor Arlin Cochran officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 4, 2009, Friday

Mary Clifton

ANGOLA — Mary L. Clifton of Angola died at 12:25 a.m. Thursday, December 3, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Clifton

She was born in DeKalb County on November 13, 1916, to Ray and Ollie (Shipe) Colbart. She married Ray Clifton on December 4, 1933. He died on February 23, 1975. She was also preceded in death by a son, David Clifton; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy Clifton and Jack and AnnaLee Groosbeck; and a stepgrandson, Ronald Ulch.

She retired in 1983 after 33 years of operating the Otter Lake Market west of Angola with her husband.

Mrs. Clifton was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ.

She was a lifetime resident of Steuben County and a graduate of Ashley High School.

She enjoyed painting and working in her yard.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sue Clifton of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Lyn and Lonnie Blanchard of Keller, Texas; eight grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 23 stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Stroh Church of Christ with Mike Hamm, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery. Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ.

Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 5, 2009, Saturday

Albion man dies in crash

COLUMBIA CITY — An Albion man died after hitting a utility pole in northeastern Whitley County, according to NewsChannel 15.

Police said 30-year-old Earl Coppock of Albion was traveling northbound on C.R. 900 E, near the intersection of C.R. 700 N, around 2:30 a.m. Friday, when he lost control of his 1992 Saturn and struck an R.E.M.C. utility pole on the west side of the road.

His only passenger, 39-year-old Allen Taylor of Columbia City, was treated at the scene for minor injuries. Police are still investigating the accident.

John Turner

STURGIS, Mich. — John C. "Jack" Turner, 72, of Sturgis died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Chris Hochstetler

GOSHEN — Chris U. Hochstetler, 78, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Mary Studer

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary Louise Studer, age 81, of Coldwater, Michigan, died at 5:40 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola, Indiana, where she was a patient, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Studer

Mrs. Studer was a homemaker and loved making crafts, ceramics and reading.

She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Coldwater, Michigan, was a former member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, and was a member of the Rosary Altar Society at St. Mary's.

Mary Louise Studer was born on April 12, 1928, in Butler, Indiana, the daughter of Harold and Dessie (Green) Dohner. She married John F. Studer on July 26, 1947, in Edgerton, Ohio, and he survives.

She is also survived by her children, JoAnn (John) Armbruster of Edon, Ohio, Kevin (Suzie) Studer of Edgerton, Ohio, Jean Studer of Coldwater, Michigan, Christine (Roland) Rohdy of Hicksville, Ohio, and Darrell (Stephanie) Studer of Quincey, Michigan; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, James and Phillip Studer; three brothers, Gordon, Norman and Garman Dohner; and two sisters, Garland Blair and Patricia Richards.

Visitation for Mary Louise Studer will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio. Recitation of the rosary will be at 8:15 p.m. on Sunday.

Services will be held on Monday, December 7, at 11 a.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Coldwater, Michigan, with Father Dan Doctor officiating. Visitation will be held in the church one hour prior to the service, beginning at 10 a.m.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials for Mary L. Studer may be given to St. Mary's Catholic School in Edgerton.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 5, 2009, Saturday

Wilmet Rupp

WAUSEON, Ohio — Wilmet B. Rupp, 95, of Wauseon died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at Fairlawn Haven in Archbold, Ohio.

Mr. Rupp spent his adult life farming and working in construction in Ohio and Indiana. He, along with his father and brothers, Ray and Delmer, started Rupp Lumber Co. in 1950. In 1960, he and his family moved to Indiana where they lived for nine years. After moving back to Wauseon, he spent 28 years working in construction for the family business.

Following his retirement, he volunteered with the Fulton County Senior Center.

Mr. Rupp was a charter member of the Crossroads Evangelical Church in Wauseon. While living in Indiana, he attended the United Brethren Church and assisted with the boys' Sunday school class.

He was born July 8, 1914, in Fulton County, Ohio, to Jacob and Elizabeth (Vonier) Rupp. In October 1943 he married Welthie Bingham and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, John (Judi) of Pleasant Lake, Ind., and Merle of Spring Valley, Calif.; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Delmer "Pete" Rupp of Pettisville; and sister, Betty Allerding of Loudenville, Ohio.

Also preceding him in death are two brothers, Claude and Ray Rupp, and two sisters, Maredith Yaeger and Marthella Graf.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Crossroads Evangelical Church. Interment will be private. Friends may call at the Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon on Sunday from 5-8 p.m.

Memorial contributions are to the Crossroads Evangelical Church.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.GrisierFH.com.

Leo Henderson

ANGOLA — Leo Henderson, 93, of Angola died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehab Center in Angola.

Mr. Henderson had been a farmer his entire life.

He was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

He was born July 9, 1916, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Lloyd and Fern (Powell) Henderson. They are deceased.

He married Rachel Holiday on Nov. 21, 1940. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Donald Henderson of Angola; a daughter, Betty and Terry Rickman of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren, Michael Stocker, Susan and David Diehm, Steven and Tammy Stocker, Cheryl Stocker and James Stocker; and six great-grandchildren, Zachery Seiler, Gregory Seiler, Linda Rasmussen, Justin Rasmussen, Austin Stocker and Tyler Stocker.

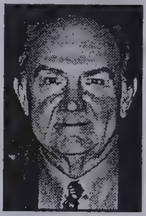
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Eric Piersimoni and Carl Dilley officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church, Angola Assembly of God Church or Cameron Hospice and Home Health.

Ronald Robinson

FORT WAYNE — Ronald F. Robinson, 66, of Fort Wayne passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne after a short illness.


Mr. Robinson

Born in Ohio City, Ohio, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He worked as an assembler with International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1991.

Ron was an avid street rod enthusiast, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Donna G. Robinson of Leo; a daughter, Andrea (Derk) Hinsey of Fort Wayne; a son, Adam (Sharon) Robinson of Leo; his grandchildren, Jacob, Erin, Elisabeth, Payton, Emma, Cecilia, Vince Ronald and Grant; a brother, Richard Robinson of Fort Wayne; and his stepfather, Delbert Reiter of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are 3 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Mark Gurtner officiating.

Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Doris Debolt

FORT WAYNE — Doris J. Debolt, 76, passed away Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Wolcottville, but grew up in South Bend. After marriage she resided in Union City. In 1997, she retired to Lake James. She moved to Fort Wayne in 2003.

Mrs. Debolt

She was a member of Chi Omega Sorority and the Union City Community School Board. She spent summers at Lake James. She was a graduate of Ball State and was a teacher with Wayne school in Union City. She and her husband owned DeBolt Gas & Electric and DeBolt Furniture and Appliance from 1955 to 1997.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Rodney DeBolt; daughters, Beth Ann (Doug) Call, Renee (Larry) Sneary and Leanne Thur, all of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Steven, Brad and Laura Sneary, Paige Thur, Logan, Lance and Conner Call, all of Fort Wayne; sisters, Deanna Coles of Niles, Mich., Sharon (Steven) Stahly of Fort Wayne; brother, Sheldon (Lee) Sigrist of Cary, N.C.; a sister-in-law, Sue Sigrist of Glendale, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, David and Dale Sigrist, and a sister, Darlene Sigrist.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road with calling one hour prior to service.

Visitation is Tuesday, 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Carolyn Cooper

ANGOLA — Carolyn R. Biskie Cooper, 66, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 4, in Angola.

She was born July 25, 1943, in Joliet, Ill., to Leonard and Winifred (Sias) Biskie. She married Alden L. Cooper on Aug. 5, 1989. He survives in Angola.

She was a homemaker in her own home. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Angola.

She is also survived by two sons, Troy Lazarus of Auburn, and Richard Lazarus of Paducah, Ky., two stepsons, Jeffery Cooper, and Daniel Cooper, both of Jackson, Mich.; a brother, Fred Biskie of Charlotte, Mich.; a sister, June Biskie of Parma, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Grace Baptist Church, with Pastor Bob Koenig officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the charity of your choice.

THE NEWS SUN
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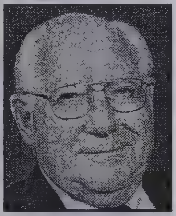
Chris Hochstetler

GOSHEN — Chris U. Hochstetler, 78, of Goshen, formerly of Middlebury, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at his residence.

He was born March 6, 1931, in LaGrange County, to Urias and Anna (Miller) Hochstetler. They preceded him in death. On Dec. 11, 1955, at the First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, he married Edna Mae Troyer. She survives.


Mr. Hochstetler

Chris had worked as a purchasing agent from 1966 to 1998 at Syndicate Systems in Middlebury.

He was a member of the First Mennonite Church, Middlebury for 52 years and was very active as a sound technician and teaching Sunday School. He had been a member of the Crystal Valley Exchange Club and a past Vice President of the Middlebury Community Historical Museum.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Edna Mae Hochstetler are a daughter, Karen (Tom) Yoder of Harrisburg, Va.; a son, Devon Hochstetler of Goshen,; five grandchildren, a step-granddaughter, two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Katie (Daniel) Beachy of Kenton, Ohio, and Edna Mae Hostetler of Wolcottville; and a brother, Amos Hochstetler of Kenton, Ohio.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec.r 9, 2009 at First Mennonite Church.

Services will be conducted by Rev. Linford Martin, and Rev. Pamela Yoder. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials may be given to Indiana Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Earl Coppock

MERRIAM — Earl "Gene" Coppock, 31, a resident of Merriam, died early Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, from the results of a one vehicle accident on County Road 900 East, north of Churubusco.

Services for family and friends will be held Sunday at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions should be directed to the family.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Coppock's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Ella Fick

Ella Louise Fick, 102, a former resident of Lake Township, went to her Heavenly Home on Friday, December 4, 2009, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Due to her home church renovation, funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Road, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Tuesday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service Wednesday morning.

Interment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Twp. Building Fund.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Fick's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Keith Notestine

TERRE HAUTE — Keith "K.O." Notestine, 73, of Terre Haute, and formerly of Mongo, died Thursday afternoon, Dec. 3, 2009, in Union Hospital.

A resident of Terre Haute for the past 17 years, Keith formerly worked as manager for Terre Haute Truck Center.

He was born June 7, 1936 in Mongo, to Wayne Notestine and Mabel Huss Notestine.

Keith was a graduate of Springfield Township High School and received his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as an Airport Control Operator. While living in Elkhart, he was owner of K & K Truck Sales where he received numerous awards including Circle of Excellence, Diamond Club Award and the 1985 ATD National Truck Dealer of the Year Award. Also, he was past president of the Cleveland Little League and was a member of the Noon Exchange Club. Keith had attended First Baptist Church of Terre Haute, was the current President of the Sycamore Country Club and was a member of Strawberry Hill Cannoneers. He also was a member of Pleasant Lodge #134 F & AM, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Survivors include his three sons, Kerry Notestine and his companion, Rachel, of Indianapolis, Kristopher Notestine and his wife, Debra, of South Bend, and Kyle Notestine and his wife, Stacy, of Naperville, Ill.; and four grandchildren, Lauren, Brock, Sydney and Amanda Notestine. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Hildon Notestine; and a grandchild, Emily Notestine.

Memorial services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Friday, in Callahan & Hughes Funeral Home, 605 South 25th Street, Terre Haute, with Reverend Steve Newman officiating. Visitation is scheduled prior to services from 2-4 p.m. Cremation is scheduled with burial to occur at a later date near Mongo.

The family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to Sycamore Country Club, 200 Heritage Dr., Terre Haute, IN 47803; or to American Cancer Society, 705 Putnam St., Terre Haute, IN 47802; or to any Veteran's organization or Masonic Lodge of your choice.

Carl Hildebrandt

BUTLER — Carl L. Hildebrandt, 71, died Saturday at the Laurels of Dekalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler, with calling one hour prior to services. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery with military honors by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Memorials to the Butler Youth League.

Arrangements by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

THE NEWS SUN
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December 7, 2009, Monday

Gary Christman

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Gary Edward Christman, 65, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, shortly after admittance to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mr. Christman

Mr. Christman was a general foreman with The Aro Corporation, working most of his career in Angola, retiring with 35 years of service. He was a member of the Montpelier Moose Lodge No. 312. He was an avid fisherman, devoted Buckeye and Tigers fan, and a longtime barber who enjoyed trimming up friends and family.

He was born on July 7, 1944, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Denver and Mabel (Rose) Christman. He married Judy I. Reeb on May 16, 1976, in Montpelier, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Troy Christman, of Montpelier, Brian (Karen) Christman, of Stow, Ohio, and Chad (Dawn) Christman, of Montpelier; six grandsons, Benjamin, Thomas, Brooks, Cameron, Colin and Connor Christman, and his half-siblings, Mary Lou Barrows, Roger Christman, Denver Christman Leigh, Shirlee Tackwell, Sherree Miller, Michael Christman, Denise Christman, Peggy Christman, and Julie Christman.

He was preceded in death by his father, Denver, and his mother, Mabel Christman-Jodry.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, 860 West Mulberry Street, Bryan, Ohio. Services will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Bryan, with Pastor Larry Snavely officiating. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to be given to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

Connie Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Connie S. Handshoe 70, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 at Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. Service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville.

Arrangements handled by Young Family Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Betty Smurr

GARRETT — Betty J. Smurr, age 86, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 at 11:37 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born February 15, 1923 in Kendallville, Ind. to Charlie and Marie (Dellenbaugh) Roush.

Mrs. Smurr

She married Jack W. Smurr on Sept. 12, 1952 in Auburn.

Betty was a machine operator at Electric Motors, retiring in 1989.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

She enjoyed fishing at Golden Lake, playing euchre and watching her grandchildren play sports.

She is survived by her husband, Jack; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dirk and Susan Smurr of Auburn and Jack R. and Renee Smurr of Garrett; two grandchildren, Jack R. Smurr Jr. of Garrett and Candace Lewis of Garrett; and two great-grandchildren Ty Smurr and Blake Lewis, both of Garrett.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Robert Roush; and two sisters, Bonnie Jamison and Sharon Rowe.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009 at 11a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the Red Cross or the DeKalb Humane Shelter

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to thomasfuneralhome.org

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Alice Cool

AUBURN — Alice Louise Cool, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She was born May 21, 1919 in Allen County to Ira and Elsie Laura (Walrath) Wertman. They have both passed on.

Mrs. Cool

She was a homemaker. She loved her family, nature, taking walks and had a zest for life. Her hobbies were gardening and doing crossword puzzles.

She married Chalmer Cool on Jan. 1, 1939, in Auburn, and he died in September of 1996.

She is survived by a daughter Nila Funk of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth D. and Carol Cool, also of Auburn; five grandchildren, Todd (Thao) Cool of Fort Wayne, Jeff Funk of Auburn, Dan (Robin) Funk of Auburn, Dr. Angela (Gus) Cool-Pullen of Missouri City, Texas, and Kimberly (Dennis) (Cool) Keller of Missouri City, Texas; six great-grandchildren, Tristan Funk of Auburn, Caleb Funk of Auburn, MaKenna Cool of Fort Wayne, Maya Cool of Fort Wayne, Meredith Elaine Pullen and Owen Keller, both of Missouri City, Texas; and two sisters-in-law, Jackie Walker of St. Joe and Ruth Wertman of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Norma Irene Cool who died in infancy, four brothers, Gerald Wertman, Harold Wertman, Ira Wertman Jr. and Keith Wertman and two sisters, Fern Sindel and Gertrude Smith.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mildred Coney

LAGRANGE — Mildred Coney, 83, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was retired from Starcraft Corporation in Emma. She was a member of the East Springfield Untied Methodist Church and Ladies Aide of the Church. She spent her lifetime in LaGrange County.

Mrs. Coney

Mildred was born on July 10, 1926, in Stroh, to William Sherman and Myrtle Maude (Moore) Hose.

On May 29, 1952, she married Kenneth M. Coney in Angola. He preceded her in death on July 5, 1994.

Surviving are five daughters and two sons-in-law, Sharlla Zimmerman and longtime companion, Allan Hentzell, Rebecca Angus and Nina and Frank Randol, all of Angola, Deanna and Norman Johnson and Kathy Randol all of LaGrange; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth L. and Barb Coney of LaGrange, Timothy F. Coney and Thomas J. Coney both of Angola; 33 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a husband, one daughter, Darla Randol, died Aug. 1, 2001; one son, Larry Money, died March 3, 1959, two grandsons, Travis Randol in 1997 and Ryan Zimmerman, died Nov. 4, 2009; three sisters, Margaret Fry, Elvia Smith and Blanch Smith, and two brothers, John and Paul Hose.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will take place in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be contributed to the East Springfield Untied Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Phillip Watts

AVILLA — Phillip M. "Buckshot" Watts, 28, of Avilla died Sunday, December 6, 2009, in his residence.

Mr. Watts

Mr. Watts was a 1999 graduate of East Noble High School.

He had worked as a motorcycle mechanic at Aaron's Motorsports in Arizona. He had moved back to this area in June from Arizona.

Phil enjoyed playing the guitar. He also liked motorcycles, hunting, fishing, and especially playing games with his brothers and sisters.

He was born April 11, 1981, in Kendallville to Larry Watts and Pauline Sizemore.

Surviving are his mother, Pauline Sizemore of Avilla; his father, Larry Watts of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Emily and Eric Jordan of Kendallville and Hillary Birk of Avilla; two brothers, Chris Watts of Avilla and Clayton Birk of Avilla; his grandmothers, Lorine Sizemore of Wolcottville and Marilyn Birk of Columbia City; a niece, Chloe Jordan; and a nephew, Dylan Watts.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ruby Scheurich; and two grandfathers, Marion Scheurich and Larry Birk.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 11, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Clayton Birk, Chris Watts, Jason Fletcher, Eric Jordan, Nathan Parks and Don Anderson.

Calling is Wednesday, December 9, 2009, from 2-7 p.m. and Thursday, December 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Carolyn Miller

AUBURN — Carolyn L. Miller, age 71, of Auburn, Ind., died at 5:00 a.m. Monday, December 7, 2009, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Miller

She was born December 21, 1937, in Wells County, Ind., to Denver and Mary (Herman) Simmerman and they preceded her in death.

She married George A. Miller on November 1, 1958, in Auburn, Ind., and he survives in Auburn, Ind.

Carolyn was a homemaker and attended LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

She was a loving mother and grandmother, having worked in the church for years. She loved to cook, have family gatherings and recognizing birthdays.

She is survived by her husband, George A Miller, Auburn, Ind.; and two daughters and three sons: Kristine and Thomas Gruwell, LaOtto, Ind., Brian and Connie Miller, Garrett, Ind., Terry and Trisha Miller, Auburn, Ind., Nora and Scott Place, Olivet, Mich., and Daniel and Tina Miller, Waterloo, Ind.

She is also survived by her grandchildren: Nicolas Gruwell, Fort Wayne, Ind., Trent Gruwell and Rebecca Gruwell, LaOtto, Ind., Cierra Miller, Huntington, Ind., Tasha Ousley and Taya Ousley, Garrett, Ind., Denver Miller, Garrett, Ind., and Ashley Miller, Auburn, Ind., Brock Pook, Olivet, Mich., Mac Place, Eaton Rapids, Mich., and Joshua Miller and Chelsea Miller, Waterloo, IN.

Carolyn is also survived by a sister, Helen Carmean, Ossian, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Denver and Mary Simmerman; a brother, Fred Simmerman; and a sister, Ruby Schwartz.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, and from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, December 10, 2009, at LaOtto Wesleyan Church in LaOtto, Ind.

The services will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with Pastor Tyler Ward officiating and burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, IN.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Wesleyan Food Pantry.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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Constance Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Constance S. "Connie" Handshoe, 70, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Handshoe was a lifetime area resident.

She had worked at Plastimatics in Albion.

She was born May 9, 1939, in DeKalb County to Arthur and Orla May (Derrow) Swander.

Surviving are three daughters, Cheryl Stafford of Kendallville, Debra Halsey of Albion and Tammy Altimus of Wawaka; one son, Allen Handshoe of Albion; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, JoAnn Wert of Kendallville and Carolyn Martin of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Fred Swander of Albion and Richard Swander of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jeffery Handshoe; four sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today in the chapel at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville, with Pastor Mathew Swander officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Betty Krantz

ANGOLA — Betty "Eileen" Krantz, 86, of Angola died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Delores Deller

COLDWATER, Mich. — Delores E. Deller, 59, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, Dec. 5. 2009, at her residence.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, Mich. Internment of ashes will be at Metz Cemetery, Angola, at a later date.

A gathering of family and friends will be held prior to the service at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

To sign the guestbook online go to www.dutcherfh.com.

Patricia Kneip

NOBLESVILLE — Patricia A. (McBride) Kneip, 83, of Noblesville and formerly of Butler, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Bethel Lutheran Church, Noblesville, with the Rev. Doug Gast officiating. Burial will be in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.

Calling will be from 2-3:30 p.m. before the service.

Memorials are to Riverview Hospital, Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 220, Noblesville, IN 46041 or Hamilton County Humane Society, 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville, is handling arrangements.

Preston Stackhouse

FORT WAYNE — Preston E. Stackhouse, 68, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

The family will receive friends from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Boy Scout Explorer Post 8203 in care of Auburn Fire Department, Community Harvest Food Bank or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

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Preston Stackhouse

FORT WAYNE — Preston E. Stackhouse, 68, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, December 6, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stackhouse was a retired U.S. Navy veteran serving in the submarine division. He also retired from the City of Auburn meter department in 2007.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School class of 1959. He also attended Purdue University.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Elks Lodge.

He was an avid reader, lover of Greek history, golfing, cooking, family and friends. He enjoyed his time spent and many friends made at Lake Gage. He was also especially known for his practical jokes.

He was born September 30, 1941, in Auburn to Preston E. Stackhouse Sr. and Bodie (Schwartz) Stackhouse. They both preceded him in death.

He is survived by his first and last love, Cathy (Walter) Bewak of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kimberley Kiernan of Boca Raton, Fla., and Geraldine Neely of Butler; one son, Peter Stackhouse of Garrett; one sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and Richard Houser of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; his uncle, Hubert L. Stackhouse of Auburn; eight nieces; four nephews; and two great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

The family will receive friends from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Boy Scout Explorer Post 8203 in care of the Auburn Fire Department, Community Harvest Food Bank, or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Zola Lung

LAGRANGE — Zola Marie Lung, 91, of Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange, died Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at the nursing home.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with Pastor Chris Danielson of the United Methodist Church in LaGrange officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Ben Kreigh

AVILLA — Ben Henry Kreigh, 54, of Avilla died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009.

Calling will be from 2-8 pm. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist, corner of State and Rush streets, Kendallville.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Turnstone or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are being arranged by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

John Turner

LAGRANGE — John C. "Jack" Turner, 72, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at his residence.

Cremation will take place. A celebration of life service will be held at Mr. Turner's residence, 31211 E. Lafayette St., Sturgis, on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Howe 4-H Club of LaGrange County, 2535 E. C.R. 700N, Howe, IN 46746-9697.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Online condolences may be sent to: Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Roger Petersen

LIGONIER — Roger R. Petersen, 71, of rural Ligonier, died, Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at 10:32 p.m. at his residence.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier, with burial at Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be directed to the Burr Oak Church in Ligonier.

To view the obituary or to sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Anna Haarer

GOSHEN — Anna Haarer, 79, of Goshen died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009. in Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 9, 2009, Wednesday

Lynn I. Bair, 73

CHURUBUSCO – Lynn I. Bair, 73, a resident of rural Churubusco, died peacefully at 11:38 p. m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the family residence in Smith Township.

Mr. Bair was born in Noble County on November 8, 1936, a son of Ebony and Ada (Haney) Bair, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1954. On December 31 of that year he was married to Anita C. Shively, and spent his adult life in Smith Township in Whitley County.

Employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 30 years, he retired from there in 1985. He later worked as a truck driver for Egolf Grain Company, and more recently worked as a driver for the Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne.

He was a member and elder of the Sugar Grove Church of God, north of Churubusco. A dedicated family man, he especially enjoyed attending and supporting his grandchildren's sporting activities.

The surviving relatives include his wife Anita; five daughters Debra (Ben) Lowe of Queen Creek, Ariz., Shelly Lybarger of Churubusco, Terri (Ron) Skinner of Albion, Susie (Kevin) Teague of Churubusco, and Amy (Charlie) Vice of Albion; two sisters Nora Jane Bair and Mary Lois Edwards, both of Albion; thirteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers Ralph Bair and Paul Bair; a sister Pauline Delanoy; a grandson Andy Vice; and a great-grandson Jacob Teague.

Funeral services were held at the Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable, officiating.

Interment was in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Shriner's Hospital For Children, 2001 S. Linbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131-3597; or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Bair's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Earl Coppock, 31

MERRIAM – Earl "Gene" Coppock, 31, a resident of Merriam, died early Friday, December 4, 2009, from the results of a one vehicle accident on County Road 900 East, north of Churubusco.

Mr. Coppock was born in Marion on October 26, 1978, and graduated from Central Noble High School in 1997. He worked as a mechanic.

The surviving relatives include his daughter Nancy Coppock of Albion; his mother and step-father Judy and Donnie Camron of Merriam; his father and step-mother Tony and Julie Coppock, Sr. of Warren; three brothers Don Cameron of Wabash, Tony Coppock II of Warren, and Mark Coppock of Markle; three sisters Mary "Jackie" Cameron of Fort Wayne, DonElla (Don) Hartman of Oxford, and Nicole Coppock of Warren; and his grandparents Mary Robillard of Marion, Margot Mullenix of Converse, and Ira and Joyce Wood of Warren.

Services for family and friends were held on Sunday, December 6, at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions should be directed to the family.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Coppock's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 9, 2009, Wednesday

Eva Mae Geiger, 69

FORT WAYNE – Eva Mae Geiger, 69 of Fort Wayne, passed away Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009.

She was born in Fort Wayne on November 11, 1940 to Richard Simpson and Evelyn (Robb) Davis. Both parents are deceased.

She was a graduate of Wawaka High School in 1960. She lived the majority of her life in Fort Wayne. She was employed by Magnavox Fort Wayne for 39 years.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, George Geiger of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Tammy Geiger and Gail (Brad) Estabrook, both of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Brent Shelton and Brock Estabrook, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Deena (Norm) Ebey of Russells Point, Ohio and Linda Simpson of Wayndeale; brother, Terry Simpson of Waynedale; and stepmother, Wilma Simpson of Waynedale.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Richard Simpson Jr.

A private service was arranged by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Geiger to a charity of donor's choice.

Please visit: www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register.

Phillip Watts, 28

AVILLA — Phillip M. "Buckshot" Watts, 28, of Avilla died Sunday, December 6, 2009, in his residence.

He was born April 11, 1981, in Kendallville to Larry Watts and Pauline Sizemore.

Mr. Watts was a 1999 graduate of East Noble High School.

He had worked as a motorcycle mechanic at Aaron's Motorsports in Arizona. He moved back to this area in June.

Phil enjoyed playing the guitar. He also liked motorcycles, hunting, fishing, and especially playing games with his brothers and sisters.

Surviving are his mother, Pauline Sizemore of Avilla; his father, Larry Watts of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law; Emily (Eric) Jordan of Kendallville and Hillary Birk of Avilla; two brothers, Chris Watts of Avilla and Clayton Birk of Avilla; his grandmothers, Lorine Sizemore of Wolcottville and Marilyn Birk of Columbia City; a niece, Chloe Jordan; and a nephew, Dylan Watts.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ruby Scheurich; and two grandfathers, Marion Scheurich and Larry Birk.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 11, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Clayton Birk, Chris Watts, Jason Fletcher, Eric Jordan, Nathan Parks and Don Anderson.

Calling is Wednesday, December 9, 2009, from 2-7 p.m. and Thursday, December 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilvfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 9, 2009, Wednesday

J. Donald "Don" Hoy, 83

FORT WAYNE – J. Donald "Don" Hoy, 83 of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

He was born in Fort Wayne on April 4, 1926 to Joseph and Marie (Volriede) Hoy.

He was a graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne and a U.S. Navy Veteran serving in World War II and Korea. He was a member of the Elks, Eagles, Moose, VFW, and American Legion.

He retired after 40 years as the owner and operator of the Brass Rail.

He is survived by his daughter Kay Lynn Hoy of Columbia City; grandchildren Daniel Brown of Michigan City, Darryck (Angie) Dorman of Greenfield, Buddy Waters and Carl Waters of Big Lake; and great-grandchildren, Dyanna, Dylan, Natalia, Taylor and Makenzie.

He was preceded in death by his wife Darlene; first wife, Mary Helen; grandson Donald Dorman; and brother Albert Hoy.

There will be no services but arrangements were taken care of by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Burial took place in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Constance Handshoe, 70

KENDALLVILLE — Constance S. "Connie" Handshoe, 70, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

She was born May 9, 1939, in DeKalb County to Arthur and Orla May (Derrow) Swander.

Mrs. Handshoe was a lifetime area resident.

She had worked at Plastimatics in Albion.

Surviving are three daughters, Cheryl Stafford of Kendallville, Debra Halsey of Albion and Tammy Altimus of Wawaka; one son, Allen Handshoe of Albion; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, JoAnn Wert of Kendallville and Carolyn Martin of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Fred Swander of Albion and Richard Swander of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jeffery Handshoe; four sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services were held November 8, 2009 at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville. Pastor Mathew Swander officiated. Burial took place in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Arrangements were by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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December 10, 2009, Thursday

Janet Beck

ANGOLA — Janet L. Beck, 75, of Angola died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Beck had retired in 1989 from Electric Cordless of Angola after 25 years of service.

She was born Aug. 24, 1934, in Fremont to Robert R. and Alvesta (Dirrim) Hufnagle. She married Joseph Beck on Aug. 27, 1955. He died Jan. 23, 2008.

Surviving are a son, Mark Beck of LaGrange; a daughter, Cheryl and Randy Eyster of Angola; three brothers, Jim and Arlene Hufnagle and Lewis and Judy Hufnagle, all of Fremont, and Richard "Butch" Hufnagle of Angola; two sisters, Marsha and Frank Patterson and Martha and Rosco Blotter, all of Fremont; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Beck in 1989; a sister, Bonnie Pentico; and two brothers, Robert "Buck" Hufnagle and Max Hufnagle.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Angola Moose Lodge.

Memorials are to the Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Krantz

ANGOLA — Betty "Eileen" Krantz, 86, of Angola died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Krantz was a homemaker.

She attended Angola Christian Church.

She was born Dec. 10, 1922, in Detroit, Mich., to Abner Anson and Ethel (Frye) Fenby. She married Warren Krantz on Feb. 12, 1943. He died July 28, 2001.

Surviving are four daughters, Susan and Robert Hobbs of Angola, Kathleen and Adrian Gravelle of Lively, Ontario, Canada, Dale and Gary Rossington of Alpharetta, Ga., and Madilyn and Stephen Riegel of Beach Park, Ill.; a son, Douglas Krantz of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

John Baldwin

ANGOLA — John Phillip Baldwin passed away suddenly on December 8, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; sons, Jeb (Amy) Baldwin of Caledonia, Mich., and their children, Jake and Mya, Jason (Annabelle) Baldwin of Chicago and their children, Jacques and Tristan; and a stepdaughter, Melody (Trent) Heidorn and son, Sam, of Stuart, Fla.

Mr. Baldwin

He is also survived by his mother, Carolyn (Carrie) Baldwin; a brother, Bob (Linda) Baldwin; and a sister, Dinah (Jeff) Oberlin.

He always did the best for his family and loved spending time with his grandchildren, fondly known as "Big Paw."

He was the founder, president, and lifetime member of the Michigan Archaeological Society. He was a legend in the world of Early American artifacts and his passion and interest was shared with many people over his lifetime.

He was the author of seven books of the American Frontier Series.

He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Indiana, with visitation starting at 2 p.m.

Arrangements handled by the Weicht Funeral Home.

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Robert Johnson Sr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert C. Johnson Sr., 91, of Wolcottville and formerly of Mongo, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He was a graduate of Brighton High School and served our country in the U.S. Navy overseas during World War II and was stateside during the Korean War.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson retired in 1975 from Atlantic-Richfield (Sinclair) in Gary, Ind. He then moved to Mongo and was active in the Mongo and Wolcottville Lions Club. He was a member of the Mongo and Wolcottville United Methodist churches.

He was born on Aug. 3, 1918, in Orland, Ind., to Lloyd and Leola (Clark) Johnson. He married Ardelle McKenzie on July 5, 1938, in Steuben County. She preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 1985. He then married Marie Kent on Aug. 29, 1989 in Mongo. She preceded him in death on July 3, 2005.

Surviving are a daughter and a son-in-law, Sharon and Ken Smith of Greenfield, Ind.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert C. Johnson Jr. and Ira Johnson of Howe; three stepsons, Daniel and Jean McCrea of Fort Wayne, Stephen and Judy Kent of Greensboro, N.C., and John and Sharon Kent of Tampa, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a sister, Virginia Emerson of Merrillville, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Don and Ray Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St. in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Community Foundation.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Denny Sanders

LIGONIER — Denny Lamar Sanders, 64, of Ligonier, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, in Steuben County.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Laura Frank

ANGOLA — Laura Catherine Frank died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at her home.

She was a graduate of Indiana State University and later got her master's degree at Indiana University.

She taught school 42 years in schools in Owen, Putnam, and Steuben counties in Indiana and one year in Dade County, Fla.

Miss Frank was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Lydia Circle, Indiana Retired Teachers and Angola Garden Club.

She was born in Owen County, Indiana, the daughter of the late Edward and Eliza Belle (Martin) Frank.

She is survived by three nieces; one nephew; six great-nieces; four great-neph-ews; 10 great-grand-nieces; and three great-grandnephews.

A great-grandniece preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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Ben Kreigh

AVILLA — Lifelong Avilla resident Ben Henry Kreigh, age 54, died on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, leaving a legacy of humor and courage to those who knew and loved him.

Ben owned Fort Wayne-based Equipment Resale, a business he built over 28 years.

Mr. Kreigh

A graduate of East Noble High School in 1973, he enjoyed water and snow skiing.

He never met a kid he didn't like.

Ben traveled the globe with his wife, Loneda.

He was preceded in death by his father, Forest Kreigh, on May 12, 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Loneda Kreigh; his mother, Carol Kreigh of Kendallville; a sister, Ellen Blasi of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Fred Kreigh of Kendallville and Nick Kreigh of Auburn.

The Kreigh family invites you to celebrate his life with a gathering of family and friends on Friday, December 11, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist on the corner of State and Rush streets in Kendallville.

A memorial service will be Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 11 a.m., also at the church.

Preferred memorials may be made to Turnstone or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James Lung Sr.

BUTLER — James R. Lung Sr., 74, of Butler died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Lung was a retired electrician and plumber.

He was a graduate of Butler High School.

He was born on June 5, 1935, in Garrett to Henry E. Lung Sr. and Elma (Franks) Lung. He married Luvenia Webb on Feb. 26, 1987, in Hicksville, Ohio. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, James R. Lung Jr. and Mickey Lung, both of Butler; a daughter, Denise Hankey of Butler; four stepdaughters, Meredith Armstrong and Teresa Brown, both of Columbus, Ohio, Heather Paris of Butler and Deborah Derck of Edon, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; a brother, Henry Lung Jr. of Utah; and two sisters, Nancy Shultz of Butler and Barbara Wagner of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brian Lung; and a sister, Gloria Butler.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Butler Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Jamie Garner officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the church.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Haarer

GOSHEN — Anna "Ann" (Slabaugh) Haarer, 79, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Goshen Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of the College of Mennonite Church.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday in the gathering room of the church.

Memorials are to Golden Rod or to the Mennonite Central Committee.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Martha Leitch

KIMMELL — Martha Leitch of Smalley Lake in Kimmell died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Roger Petersen

LIGONIER — Roger R. Petersen, 71, of rural Ligonier died Monday, December 7, 2009, at 10:32 p.m. at his residence with his family at his side. Mr. Petersen had been battling cancer since August of this year.

Roger was a lifetime Noble County resident, born on December 19, 1937, in Noble County to the late Theodore and Lenore (Reed) Petersen. On November 17, 1957, he married Nancy Cooper and she survives.

Roger proudly served his country in the United States Air Force.

In his formative years, Roger came out of high school working for Orwiler Chevrolet, then went to work for H and S Farm store in Ligonier. He then became the owner of the Gulf Service Station in Ligonier for many years. After selling the station, he purchased a farm east of Ligonier and became a farmer. Also while farming he drove school bus for the West Noble School Corp.

Roger was also very active in several area, state and national organizations including the Indiana Berkshire Assoc., serving six years on the board of directors and five years as president. He was also active with the American Berkshire Assoc., serving three years on the board of directors,. and with Taper Lock Credit Union in Topeka, serving 15 years on the board of directors and served five years as treasurer. He was also a member of the Noble County Pork Producers, the Duroc Swine Assoc., American Yorkshire Assoc. and was a Purdue Swine Test Station adviser.

He was also a member of the Noble County 4-H as a child then as a leader as an adult. He was also a member of the Burr Oak Church in Ligonier, the Fenton Glass Collectors and the West Noble American Legion Post 243.

Roger proudly showed his swine locally, statewide and nationally.

He was a 1956 graduate of the Albion-Jefferson High School in Albion. In his free time Roger loved gardening and collecting Danish glassware and genealogy.

Surviving with his wife are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randal and Cheryl Petersen of Cromwell and Rodney and Julia Petersen of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Michael Rose of Logansport and Robin and Wayne Musselman of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a brother, Allen and Jeannie Petersen of Albion; and a sister, Jane and Monroe Hummel of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, December 11, 2009, at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Mark Burritt will officiate.

Burial will be in Cospersville Cemetery with military graveside services by West Noble American Legion Post 243.

Visitation will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Burr Oak Church in Ligonier.

To view the obituary or to sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Cynthia LaMotte

PALM COAST, Fla. — Cynthia Lee LaMotte, 62, of Palm Coast, Florida, lost her battle with cancer on December 5, 2009.

She graduated from Wauseon High School and was retired from IBM.

Cindy was the granddaughter of the late Les and Georgia Westbrook of Wauseon, Ohio.

Cindy is survived by her daughter, Christina of Palm Coast, also brothers, Dave (Wendy) LaMotte of Kendallville, Ind., and Michael LaMotte of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and a sister, Michele Pecar of Mancellona, Mich.

She is also survived by her aunt, Pat Gleckler; cousins, Rick (Deb) Gleckler, Tom (Jo) Gleckler and Steve Gleckler, all of Wauseon, Don (Liz) Gleckler of Manitou Beach, Mich., and Jim (Connie) Gleckler of Cherry Hill, N.J.; plus many more cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Donald LaMotte; her mother, Corine; and her stepfather, Jim Rumsey.

A private service was held in Palm Coast, Fla.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon with Pastor Louie Weber officiating.

Interment will follow in the Wauseon Union Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Friday.

The family requests any contributions be made to hospice.

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Martha Leitch

KIMMELL — Martha Jean "Marty" Leitch, 83, of Smalley Lake near Kimmell died at 11:13 a.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Leitch was a lifetime area resident.

She was a dedicated homemaker and had retired from Dana in Churubusco after 26 years of service.

Martha was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

She liked to cook, fish, hunt mushrooms and go to garage sales.

Martha loved her family dearly.

Mrs. Leitch

She was born April 19, 1926, in Green Township, Noble County, to John B. and Iva Mae (Coats) Clouse. She married Carroll V. "Peck" Leitch in Albion on August 10, 1946. The couple were married for 63 years.

Surviving are her husband, Carroll Leitch of Smalley Lake; a daughter, Nancy (Ed) White of Larwill; four sons, Norman (Marcia) Leitch of Kimmell, Russell (Colleen) Leitch of Kimmell, Tim (Helen) Leitch of Albion and Bruce (Helen) Leitch of Kimmell; 19 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Edith Romine of Kimmell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Betty Clouse; and seven brothers, Junior, Russell, James, Benard, Harry, William and Donald Clouse.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, December 14, at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier, with Pastor Joey Nelson and Thomas Charroll Leitch officiating.

Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam. Pallbearers will be Tim Leitch, Tom Leitch, Craig Leitch, Aaron Leitch, Adam Leitch, Troy Byall, Rhonda Bergman and Sherry Byers. Honorary pall bearers will be Melissa Goodyear, Angie McClellan, Erica Leitch, Emily Bonner, Michelle Meade, Aaron Allman, Ben Byall, Marc Byall, Edward Leitch, Anthony Leitch, Ashley Leitch and Allen Gordon.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, December 13, at the church and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice in Columbia City, 2806 Theater Ave., Suite A, Huntington, IN 46750 or Riley Children's Hospital, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Mary Ecker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mary Jane Ecker, 98, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of the service.

Memorial may be contributed to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be submitted to www.frurip mayfuneralhome.com.

Charles Summers

GARRETT — Charles H. Summers, 87, of Garrett, and formerly of Auburn, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home with a full obituary in Saturday's edition.

M. Ruth Irelan

KENDALLVILLE — M. Ruth Irelan, 80, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City.

Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and two hours prior to the service Saturday.

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Homer Haviland Jr.

ANGOLA — Homer Haviland Jr., 73, of Angola died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2009, at his home in Angola.

Mr. Haviland had been a pressman for Cooper Tire Products of Auburn and had retired in 2000.

He was born July 22, 1936, in LaGrange County to Homer Haviland Sr. and Esther (Mosser) Haviland. He married Betty J. Wise on July 6, 1959, and she died Sept. 13, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, Gregory Haviland of Hudson and Scott Haviland of Angola; three daughters, Debbie Beardsley of St. Charles, Mo., Roxanne Fisher of Angola and Nichole Willms of Orland; two brothers, Francis "Stub" Haviland and Emery Haviland, both of Georgia; three sisters, Louie Keimer of Georgia, Clara Rinehart of Kendallville and Inez Haviland of Angola; 11 grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Haviland

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steve Haviland; and two brothers, William and Arthur Haviland.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Roxane Fisher.

Denny Sanders

LIGONIER — Denny Lamar Sanders, 64, of Ligonier, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Sanders was a lifetime resident of Noble County and a farmer.

He was born Dec. 14, 1944, to Paul and Betty Sanders. They are deceased.

Mr. Sanders

He was married to Carolyn Sanders and she survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three sons, Tim Sanders of Wawaka, Joe Rex of Syracuse and Larry Rex of LaGrange; two daughters, Susan Sanders of Wawaka and Amy Rex of White Pigeon, Mich.; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Howard (Von) Sanders of Angola and Donald (Nora) Sanders and Gary (Linda) Sanders, all of Albion; two sisters, Julia (Romero) Sanders of Albion and Connie of Alabama; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Roberta Hicks and Jeanie Keene.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today at the Ulrey-Renner & Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

To view the obituary or to sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Travis Reeve

LAGRANGE — Travis Lee Reeve, 27, of LaGrange died Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a line operator for Syndicate Systems in Middlebury, Ind., and lived his lifetime in the LaGrange area.

He was born on April 5, 1982, to Gary Reeve and Debra Merrifield. They both survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving is a grandmother, Joan Reeve of Albion, Ind.; a stepmother, Lori Reeve of LaGrange, Ind.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Shawn Mynhier of Wolcottville, Ind., and Chad and Laurie Reeve of Nappanee, Ind.; a sister, Kiersten Reeve of LaGrange, Ind.; and three aunts and uncles, Jack and Sharon Miller of LaGrange, Ind., and Duane and Melody Winebrenner and Randy and Jo Reeve, all of Albion, Ind.

Mr. Reeve

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Leland Reeve, and his maternal grandparents, Jean and Betty Lou Merrifield.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2009, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, Ind.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 13, from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial may be contributed to the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 12, 2009, Saturday

Homer Haviland Jr.

ANGOLA — Homer Haviland Jr., 73, of Angola died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at his home in Angola.

Mr. Haviland had been a pressman for Cooper Tire Products of Auburn and had retired in 2000.

He was born July 22, 1936, in LaGrange County to Homer Haviland Sr. and Esther (Mosser) Haviland. He married Betty J. Wise on July 6, 1959, and she died Sept. 13, 2000.

Mr. Haviland

Surviving are two sons, Gregory Haviland of Hudson and Scott Haviland of Angola; three daughters, Debbie Beardsley of St. Charles, Mo., Roxanne Fisher of Angola and Nichole Willms of Orland; two brothers, Francis "Stub" Haviland and Emery Haviland, both of Georgia; three sisters, Louie Keimer of Georgia, Clara Rinehart of Kendallville and Inez Haviland of Angola; 11 grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steve Haviland; and two brothers, William and Arthur Haviland.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Roxane Fisher.

Alberta King

WOLCOTTVILLE — Alberta E. King, age 91, died early Thursday morning, December 10, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born on July 3, 1918, in Lakeville, Indiana, and was the daughter of William and Rosa (Sahli) Berger. They are both deceased.

Mrs. King moved to Albion in 1945, then to Hackenburg Lake in Wolcottville in 1997. For the past year she has resided at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a homemaker for her life's work.

On December 29, 1939, she married Orva King in Woodland. He died on February 6, 2006.

Mrs. King enjoyed cooking, quilting and gardening.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dewaine and Julia Ann King of Wolcottville, David and Debra King of Avilla and Dennis and Diane King of Albion; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, Harold Berger.

Funeral services for Mrs. King will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Pastor Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial following the funeral will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Alberta to the Provena Sacred Heart Home Activities Department.

Send condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Charles Summers Jr.

GARRETT — Charles H. Summers Jr., 87, of Garrett died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Eel River Cemetery, corner of Carroll Road and Madden Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Joseph W. Heins of the Auburn Church of Christ officiating.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org,

Jeff Peters

FORT WAYNE — Jeff "Dupes" Peters, 48, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009.

A time of sharing will take place at 8:30 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Calling will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

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Melvin Twaits

KIMMELL — Melvin E. Twaits, 83, of Kimmell, Ind., died at 9 p.m. Thursday, December 10, 2009, at Rivercrest Specialty Hospital in Mishawaka, Ind.

Mr. Twaits retired as a maintenance supervisor at Essex Wire and then later from United Technologies after more than 30 years of service.

He served his country honorably in the United States Navy on the USS Chenango from 1942-1946.

Mr. Twaits was a member of the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

He also enjoyed farming, gardening, working on cars and fixing things.

He was born July 9, 1926, in Sparta Township, Noble County, Ind., to John R. "Shortie" and Lora (Hart) Twaits.

Surviving are two daughters, Sarah "Sue" and Ron Browning of Bear Lake and Melanie and Jeff Creek of Huntertown; four granddaughters, Carla Ladig of Columbia City, Gracie Creek and Cierra Creek, both of Huntertown, and Brandi Twaits of Ashley; one great-grandson, Kyle Phillips of Columbia City; and a sister, Alice Cripe of Millersburg.

He was preceded in death by a son, Melvin Twaits, and two sisters, Rose Twaits and Ruth Davidson.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Wray McCalister officiating. Burial will be in Stringtown Cemetery in Washington Township.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Jean Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Jean Miller, 83, of Middlebury died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, in Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 13, 2009, Sunday

Couple die in watery crash

DAVE KURTZ

Police and firefighters gather on a bridge on C.R. 42 after finding a car in the water under the bridge Saturday morning. They were awaiting a wrecker that pulled the car from the stream. The St. Joseph River is in the foreground.

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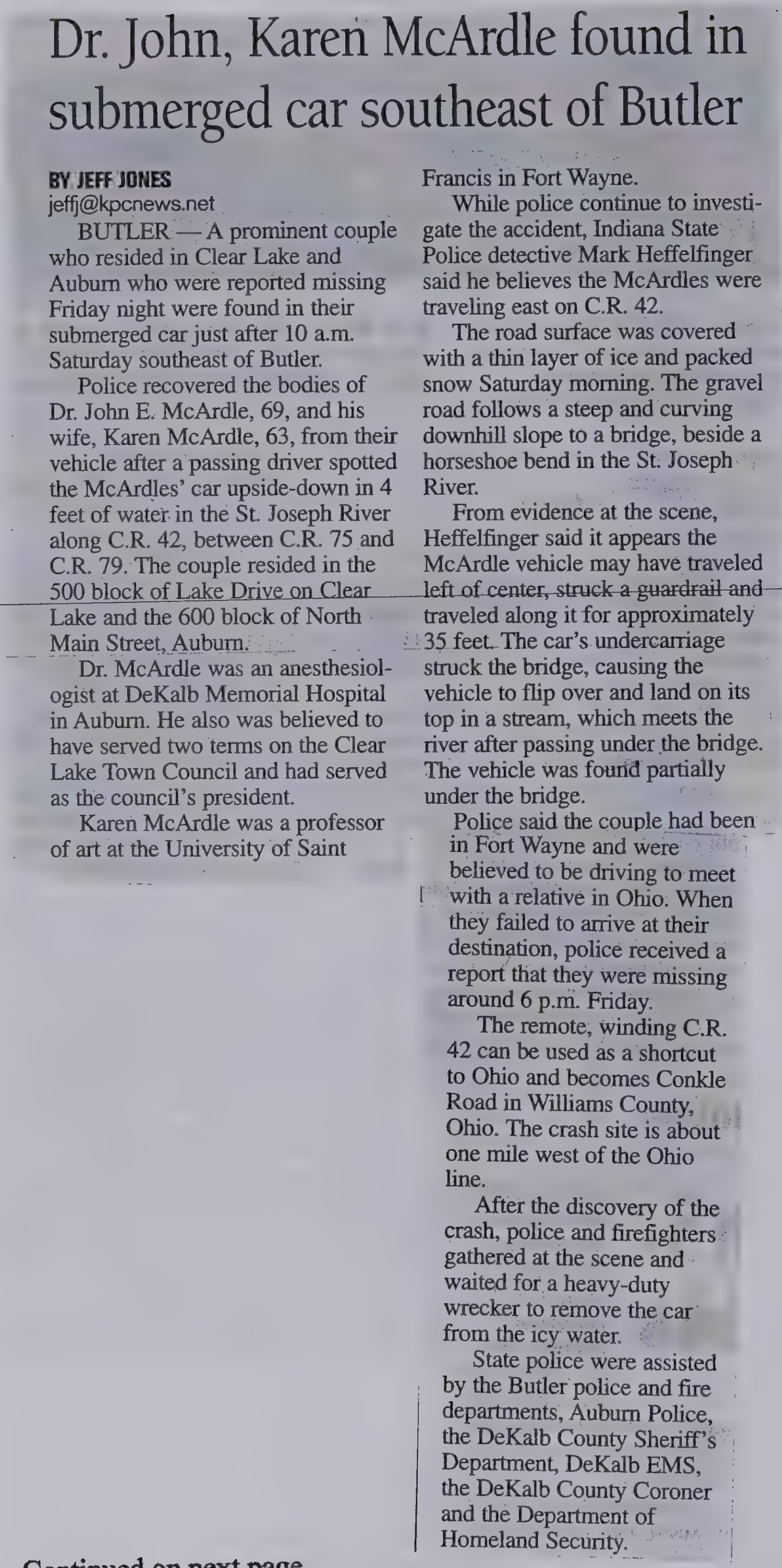

Dr. John, Karen McArdle found in submerged car southeast of Butler

BY JEFF JONES
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BUTLER — A prominent couple who resided in Clear Lake and Auburn who were reported missing Friday night were found in their submerged car just after 10 a.m. Saturday southeast of Butler.

Police recovered the bodies of Dr. John E. McArdle, 69, and his wife, Karen McArdle, 63, from their vehicle after a passing driver spotted the McArdles' car upside-down in 4 feet of water in the St. Joseph River along C.R. 42, between C.R. 75 and C.R. 79. The couple resided in the 500 block of Lake Drive on Clear Lake and the 600 block of North Main Street, Auburn.

Dr. McArdle was an anesthesiologist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He also was believed to have served two terms on the Clear Lake Town Council and had served as the council's president.

Karen McArdle was a professor of art at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.

While police continue to investigate the accident, Indiana State Police detective Mark Heffelfinger said he believes the McArdles were traveling east on C.R. 42.

The road surface was covered with a thin layer of ice and packed snow Saturday morning. The gravel road follows a steep and curving downhill slope to a bridge, beside a horseshoe bend in the St. Joseph River.

From evidence at the scene, Heffelfinger said it appears the McArdle vehicle may have traveled left of center, struck a guardrail and traveled along it for approximately 35 feet. The car's undercarriage struck the bridge, causing the vehicle to flip over and land on its top in a stream, which meets the river after passing under the bridge. The vehicle was found partially under the bridge.

Police said the couple had been in Fort Wayne and were believed to be driving to meet with a relative in Ohio. When they failed to arrive at their destination, police received a report that they were missing around 6 p.m. Friday.

The remote, winding C.R. 42 can be used as a shortcut to Ohio and becomes Conkle Road in Williams County, Ohio. The crash site is about one mile west of the Ohio line.

After the discovery of the crash, police and firefighters gathered at the scene and waited for a heavy-duty wrecker to remove the car from the icy water.

State police were assisted by the Butler police and fire departments, Auburn Police, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, DeKalb EMS, the DeKalb County Coroner and the Department of Homeland Security.

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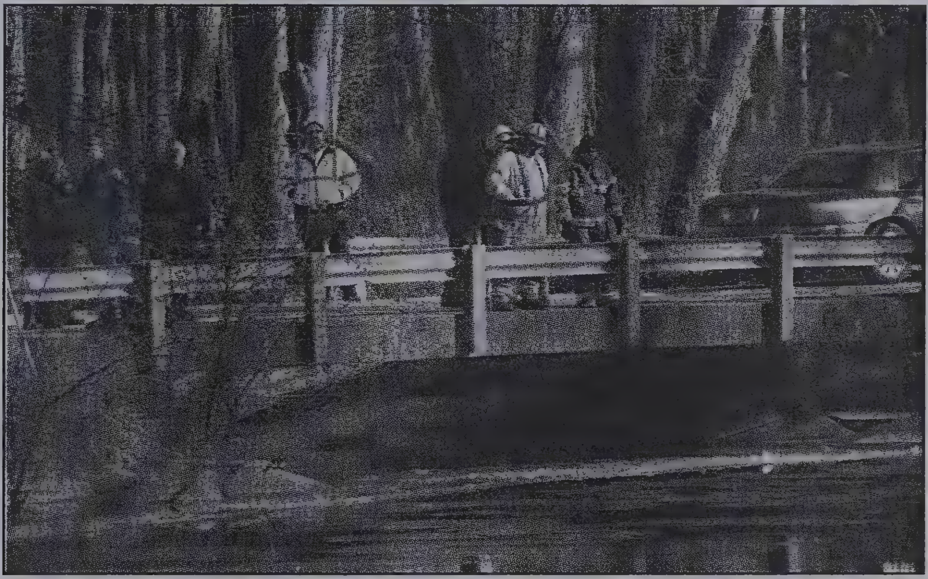
CRASH: *Remote, winding C.R. 42 can be used as shortcut to Ohio*



JEFF JONES

An Auburn couple died when their vehicle went over a guardrail into a creek next to C.R. 42 southeast of Butler. Dr. John E. McArdle, 69, and Karen McArdle, 63, had been missing since Friday evening. A passing motorist found their vehicle upside-down in a creek next to the St. Joseph River just after 10 a.m. Saturday.

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Family was most important

David Aschleman never missed a game

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — Family was the most important thing to David Aschleman, his family said.

Aschleman, 66, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009.

"I played a lot of sports, and he always helped me with that. … He never missed a game, and if he ever missed a game, he was farming," his son, Brian, said. "He was all about his grandkids and what they were doing."

"He took them fishing," his wife, Virginia, said of David Aschleman's relationship with his grandchildren, Jack David and Emilie Ann Aschleman and Tyler Babbitt, "We spent quite a bit of time at the lake, and he took them fishing. He also took them to baseball games, football games and basketball games."

He also loved to eat out with family and friends.

"He looked forward to the weekends to eat out," Virginia Aschleman said. "We just went around to different restaurants. The Town Tavern was one of the main ones we enjoyed going to."

David Aschleman loved sports. He was a football star at Auburn High School, from which he graduated in 1961.

"I've heard stories," Virginia Aschleman said. "If he got the ball, nobody could catch him."

"He's a dedicated family man," his daughter, Vicky, said. "When we were younger, we camped on weekends at a lake in Fremont called Fish Lake. It was just a quiet getaway."

Aschleman was "just an outdoors guy" who enjoyed mowing the lawn, gardening, playing sports and farming, Virginia Aschleman said.

"He started farming probably when he was about 10 years old," she said.

As a child, he enjoyed helping his father, Raymond, farm, said his mother, Luella Aschleman.

"He was always a thoughtful boy, from the time he was a little kid," she said. "He would go with his dad out on the farm. The fence post at the end of the garden, he would sit on that and watch for his dad to come home every day."

Luella Aschleman remembered one time when David was helping his father fix a fence.

"David was carrying the little things you put on the post to hold the wire up," she said. Halfway across the the fence, "David said, 'I'm not going any farther.' His dad loaded him in the trailer, and hauled him to the house, and we found out he had the mumps."

In addition to farming, David Aschleman spent time in the Indiana Army National Guard from 1964 to 1970. He was part of Company C; First, Second and Third Rifle Platoon; First Batallion; 293rd Infantry; 38th Infantry Division out of Fort Wayne. He spent six months training at Ft. Gordon, Ga., and went to Grayling, Mich., to train for two weeks every summer.

"I guess he wanted to further do other things with his life and experience some sort of service, what it was like," Virginia Aschleman said.

David Aschleman also worked as an assembler, making clutches, at Dana Corp. and its successor,, Eaton Corp. for 30 years. He retired in 1999, but went every Friday morning to eat breakfast at Richards Restaurant with coworkers.

"He looked forward to it," Virginia Aschleman said. "They really miss him now. I've been hearing that from a lot of them. It's just not the same, they keep telling me."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

David Aschleman, back right, poses from a photo with his family. In front, from left, are daughter Vicky Babbitt, grandchildren Emilie Aschleman, Jack David Aschleman and Tyler Babbitt, and wife Virginia Aschleman. In back, from left, are son-in-law Brad Babbitt, son Brian Aschleman, daughter-in-law Dawn Aschleman and David Aschleman.

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Jeff Peters

FORT WAYNE — Jeff "Dupes" Peters, 48, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2009.

Mr. Peters

He was born in Fort Wayne and worked in the theatrical field, for IATSE, Union Local 146.

He enjoyed boating and spending time at Crooked Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Peters; a son, Steven Peters of Fort Wayne; his mother, Jeanine Beemler of Angola; his sisters, Stephanie Johnson of Bedford, Ind., and Renee Tinkel of Sandusky, Ohio; a granddaughter, Vivian; 16 nieces and nephews; and 13 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his father, Murray L. Peters.

Visitation will be Monday from 6 to 8:30 p.m., with a time of sharing at 8:30 p.m., at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Jean Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Jean Miller, 83, of Middlebury, died at 10:08 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be made at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Mary Jane Ecker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mary Jane Ecker, 98, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was a clothing and millinery designer. She attended Western Michigan University and was a graduate of a clothing design school.

She lived most of her life in the LaGrange County area.

Mrs. Ecker was born on April 23, 1911, in LaGrange County to the late Jay and Ruth (Mooney) Mills. She married Arnold B. Ecker on Aug. 11, 1940, in LaGrange, Ind. He preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 1989.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of the service.

Memorials may be contributed to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be submitted to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Joan E. Crothers

KENDALLVILLE — Joan E. Crothers, 80, of Kendallville died Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 5:26 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Crothers

Mrs. Crothers graduated from Kendallville High School in 1947. She attended Faith United Methodist Church. Her working career included 21 years as a waitress at Cafe Johnell in Fort Wayne.

She was an avid quilter, enjoyed playing games, collected cardinals, and was a fan of all Indiana sports teams, especially Indiana and Purdue Universities. Starting when her son, Scott, was in high school, she enjoyed spending the rest of her life following the East Noble Marching Knights and the Angola Hornets Marching Band.

She was born May 1, 1929, in Kendallville to Joe E. and Ruth I. (Becker) Trowbridge. On October 13, 1948, in Kendallville, she married Norman H. Crothers, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Robert Shippy of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Kim Crothers of Syracuse; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Miller-Crothers Kern of Kendallville; five grandchildren, R. Andrew Shippy of Fort Wayne, Kathryn Shippy-Ziegler and Ryan Ziegler of Fort Wayne, Abigail Crothers-Brendel and R. Baron Brendel of Lafayette, Julie Crothers of Syracuse, and Jennifer Crothers of Syracuse; her beloved great-grandson, Jack Ziegler and a future great-grandchild due in June, 2010, by Abby and Baron; her twin sister, Jeanne Harrod of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law, Lynn Trowbridge Volmar of Muncie.

She was preceded in death by a son, Craig Crothers, on September 23, 2004, and a brother, Phillip A. Trowbridge.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, December 19, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville with Tom Novy of Provena Sacred Heart Home officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. until time of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Parkview Memorial Hospital Blanket Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Natalie Feiertag

LAGRANGE — Natalie R. Feiertag, 75, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Feiertag

She was a registered nurse for 45 years. She graduated from the Ohio State University. Natalie came to LaGrange County in 1990 from Columbus, Ohio. She was a member of the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange, American Youth Hostels, LaGrange Chapter AARP and the Sylvan Chapter #251 O.E.S.

She was born Jan. 8, 1934, in Columbus, Ohio, to Martin and Mildred Mary (McGrew) Kress. She married Joseph H. Feiertag on Oct. 5, 1964, in Columbus, Ohio. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving is a daughter, Alesia R. Feiertag of St. Paul, Minn.; a sister and brother-in-law, Judith and Robert Gattis of Rushsylvania, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Peterson of Ham Lake, Minn.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange. The Revs. Sandra Hutchens and Thomas McShannock will be officiating.

Memorials may be contributed to the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, League for the Blind or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Karen McArdle

AUBURN — Karen A. (Lupke) McArdle, 63, of Auburn, passed away Saturday Dec. 12, 2009.

Arrangements are pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's newspaper.

John McArdle

AUBURN — John E. "Jack" McArdle, D.O., 69, of Auburn, passed away Saturday Dec. 12, 2009.

Arrangements are pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's newspaper.

Myrtle Anglin

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Myrtle L. Anglin, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, in her home in Morehead, Kentucky.

She was born on June 7, 1920, in West Liberty, Kentucky, to Kelly and Mary (Music) Ferguson. Myrtle retired from Universal Tool of Butler.

Mrs. Anglin

She married James Anglin on Dec. 12, 1970, in Butler; he preceded her in death on July 7, 1994.

Survivors include four sons, Gary Ross of Butler, Ray Ross of Auburn, Charles Ross of Elkhart, and John Ross of Eustis, Florida; four daughters, Elizabeth Brewer of Miamisburg, Ohio, Edith Vinson of Hazel Green, Alabama, and Adalene Havens and Martha Skaggs of Morehead Kentucky; 37 grandchildren; 89 great-grandchildren; and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Billy Ross; and two brothers, Billy and Arthur Ferguson.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Larry Sexton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Kim Ritchie

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kim L. Ritchie, 42, of Wolcottville died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, at 12:10 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville.

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Natalie Feiertag

LAGRANGE — Natalie R. Feiertag, 75, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a registered nurse for 45 years. She graduated from the Ohio State University.

Natalie came to LaGrange County in 1990 from Columbus, Ohio. She was a member of the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange, American Youth Hostels, LaGrange Chapter AARP and the Sylvan Chapter 251 O.E.S.

Mrs. Feiertag

She was born Jan. 8, 1934, in Columbus, Ohio, to Martin and Mildred Mary (McGrew) Kress. She married Joseph H. Feiertag on Oct. 5, 1964, in Columbus, Ohio. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving is a daughter, Alesia R. Feiertag of St. Paul, Minn.; a sister and brother-in-law, Judith and Robert Gattis of Rushsylvania, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Peterson of Ham Lake, Minn.

She was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Feiertag.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange. The Revs. Sandra Hutchens and Thomas McShannock will be officiating.

Memorials may be contributed to the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, League for the Blind or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Rodney Kuhn

CROMWELL — Rodney Lee Kuhn, 54, of Cromwell died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Kuhn was a press operator for Parker-Hannifin in Syracuse.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Olan Bole and Patricia Webster.

Mr. Kuhn

Surviving are a son, Rodney Kuhn of Decatur; a daughter, Mary Pamer of Albion; a brother, David Kuhn of Decatur; his father, Olan Bole; his stepfather, Clifford Kuhn of Decatur; and his ex-wife, Christina Kuhn of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Bole.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be in Syracuse.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

C. Juanita Kope

FORT WAYNE — C. Juanita Kope, 80, of Morristown died Thursday, Dec. 10 at Morristown Manor in Morristown, Ind.

Mrs. Kope worked as a cook for Aboite Township Schools before owning Dunkin Donuts in Indianapolis.

She was a native of Steuben County.

Surviving are a son, Gary (Kathy) Kope of Hudson, Ind.; a daughter, Sondra (Ren) Jhala of Shelbyville; a son, Bruce L. Kope of Shelbyville; a brother, Melvin J. Budd of Angola; a sister, Nora E. Sanders of Hudson; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shelby County Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Joseph Lumm

COLUMBIA CITY — Joseph D. "Joe" Lumm, 85, of Columbia City died Sunday, Dec, 13, 2009, at The Oaks Living Center where he had been a resident since March 20.

Mr. Lumm worked for United Telephone Co. of Indiana Inc. throughout northern Indiana and retired from there Oct. 1, 1983, with more than 39 years of service.

He was raised in LaGrange and graduated from LaGrange High School. Mr. Lumm had lived in Columbia City since 1965.

In 1943, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Mr. Lumm was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church, Avilla Lodge 460 Free & Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine and Whitley County Shrine Club.

He was born Aug. 20, 1924, in LaGrange to Joseph H. and Aimee M. (McOscar) Lumm. On Sept. 3, 1948, he married Eileen F. Irons. She died Aug. 11, 2007.

Surviving are a son, John M. (Rita) Lumm of Lexington, Ohio; a daughter, Catherine S. (Melvin) Reeg of Columbia City; four grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Irene Fry of Goshen.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Alma Lumm.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. A Masonic Service will be held at 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Lori Craig

ROME CITY — Lori Craig, 40, of Rome City died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Goldie Short

WOLCOTTVILLE — Goldie Short, 90, of Wolcottville died Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Lowermill Creek Cemetery in Carrie, Ky.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Larry Lung

NEW PALESTINE — Larry R. Lung of New Palestine died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bell Mortuary and Crematory, Shangrila Chapel, Carrollton, Ind.

Memorials are to the New Palestine Girls Basketball Club care of Bell Mortuary & Crematory, 1512 W. U.S. 52, Fountaintown, IN 46130.

Condolences may be sent online to www.bellmortuary.com.

Carl Ullinskey

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Carl Ullinskey, 76, of Defiance died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009.

Services will be at noon Thursday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hankenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice or to the donor's choice.

Esther Bass

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Esther G. Bass, 92, of Montpelier died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at Hillside Country Living.

Private burial was today in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the services Dec. 28.

Memorials are to Cancer Assistance of Williams County.

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Kim Ritchie

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kim L. Ritchie, 42, of Wolcottville died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Ms. Ritchie has worked at Keystone RV in Howe.

She was born November 8, 1967, in Kendallville to Ronald and Brenda (Mynhier) Logan. They survive in Wolcottville.

Ms. Ritchie

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Ritchie of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheena and Jeff Randol of Rome City; three grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Lenny and Tamy Logan of Wolcottville.

She was preceded in death by two grandfathers, a grandmother, an uncle and a nephew.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Woodruff Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice, Kendallville.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Eytcheson

CHURUBUSCO — Evelyn M. Eytcheson, 89, of Columbia City, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, at the residence of her daughter in Columbia City.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Bob Courtney officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Condolences may be sent on line to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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John McArdle D.O.

AUBURN — In loving memory of our father: John E. "Jack" McArdle D.O., 69, of Auburn, passed away Friday December 11, 2009, with his wife Karen A. McArdle.

Born Nov. 14, 1940 in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Edward G. McArdle M.D. and Nancy Fox McArdle. He was an Anesthesiologist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Megan and Jonathan Moss of Auburn and Bridget McArdle D.O. and Matthew Place of Grand Blanc, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, John E. "Trey" and Devon McArdle III of Clear Lake and Michael Vincent PhD M.D. and and Gabrielle Billeter of Malibu, Calif.; grandchildren, Jonathan Moss, Michael Moss, Patrick Moss, Elizabeth Moss, Kelly McArdle, John E. "Jack" McArdle IV, Charlotte Vincent and William Place; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Edward G. "Jerry" and Diane McArdle Jr. of Clear Lake, Timothy and LuAnn McArdle of Fort Wayne, Daniel and Laurie McArdle of Fort Wayne, Louis and Susan McArdle of New Orleans, La., and Shawn and Linda McArdle of Spencerville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Colleen and John King of Roanoke and Nancy Bailey of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Janice McArdle of New Orleans, La.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Patrick McArdle.

He graduated high school from Cranwell Preparatory School in Lenox, Mass. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame. After working in sales and real estate, doing cement work, and exploring a career as a mechanic, he decided to follow in his father's footsteps and become a physician. He attended the Kirksville Osteopathic Medical School in Kirksville, Mo.

Dr. McArdle

He started his medical career by spending a year as the only doctor on Mackinac Island. After working as a family doctor in Largo, Fla., for six years, he took his two daughters, his 1-year old son and his wife to Trenton, Mich., to do a residency in anesthesia. He worked for eight years at Lansing General Hospital, and then moved to Clear Lake and then on to Auburn to work at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. The staff there will especially miss his wry sense of humor in the operating room.

Not only did he love to travel and learn, he also gave his expertise to those in need on multiple medical missions to the Dominican Republic and Ecuador.

He and Karen enjoyed traveling and took their family on road trips to see the U.S. every summer.

Although he grew up Catholic, he only went back to the church during his mother's terminal illness. As he grew older he became much stronger in his faith and was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Saint Paul Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake, where he served as a Eucharistic minister.

While living in Florida, he bought a used Force 5 sailboat and made a commitment to learn to sail it, despite its tendency to tip over, especially while sailing under causeways. He was a member of Clear Lake Yacht Club. On the weekends one of his greatest joys was sailing and racing with his wife, his children and grandchildren. During last summer's racing season, his crowning achievement was placing first in his class.

He spent his childhood summers on Lake Wawasee, where his family had a cottage. He learned to water ski and was the first person on the lake to accomplish the feat of barefooting. He continued skiing and barefooting throughout his life and had recently taken up wakeboarding.

Growing up in the '50s with the hot rod street cruisers he wanted one for his own and bought a Corvair and put a Corvette engine in the backseat. His passion for buying, fixing up and selling cars, preferably at a profit, continued throughout his lifetime and included classes at Anthis Career Center to learn autobody repair.

If it was broken, he could fix-it, or at least he would give it his best shot, although his "one hour" projects often evolved into three hour to several day endeavors. He was proud to be called a "Jack" of all trades, and often referred to himself as a mechanic who happened to practice medicine.

A lifelong learner, he had been a pilot for many years when he decided he wanted to learn to fly helicopters. He eventually bought a two-seater and many a friend fondly remembers their helicopter ride with him.

He and Karen were truly partners throughout their 40 years together.

He was past president of Clear Lake Town Council where he was instrumental in the construction of a new town hall.

The oldest of nine children, his family, both immediate and extended, was extremely important to him. He kept in contact with relatives across the U.S. and the world. He preferred to spend special occasions surrounded by those closest to him. In addition to spending every Christmas Eve with the immediate and extended McArdle clan, in the early '80s he and Karen joined his brother, Pat, in the tradition of camping in the Smoky Mountains at Thanksgiving. The tradition continues and we were blessed be able to spend this past Thanksgiving camping and hiking together.

Mass of Christian Resurrection will be Thursday at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 500 E. 7th St., Auburn. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials made to the Lupke Foundation will be distributed to his favorite charities.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 15, 2009, Tuesday

Karen McArdle

AUBURN — A tribute to our mother: Karen A. (Lupke) McArdle, 63, of Auburn, passed away Friday, December 11, 2009, with her husband, John E. "Jack" McArdle D.O.

She was the daughter of the late Walter H. and G. Frances (McGahey) Lupke.

She was a Professor of Fine Arts at the University of Saint Francis. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, attended Saint Paul Catholic Church, Clear Lake, and was a member of the Clear Lake Yacht Club.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Megan and Jonathan Moss of Auburn and Bridget McArdle D.O. and Matthew Place of Grand Blanc, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, John E. "Trey" and Devon McArdle III of Clear Lake; grandchildren, Jonathan Moss, Michael Moss, Patrick Moss, Elizabeth Moss, Kelly McArdle, John E "Jack" McArdle IV and William Place; and a brother and sister-in-law, Hans and Kathy Lupke of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McArdle

She was a graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Denver. She went on to achieve her Masters of Fine Arts in ceramics, the highest degree possible in art, at Michigan State University.

She and Jack met on a blind date. After a short courtship involving motorcycle rides and beating Jack at pool, they were married on June 28, 1969. For their honeymoon they charted a boat and traveled through the Caribbean. A year later they spent a month exploring Europe by motorcycle. Throughout their marriage they enjoyed traveling and in addition to visiting 49 of the states, they went to New Zealand, Russia and other European cities together.

She was a licensed pilot when she and Jack met and they enjoyed flying together during the early years of their marriage. She was an active member of antiquarians. She loved antiques and exploring historic locations and art museums.

Throughout her life she taught art and explored her artistic interests in a variety of different mediums. Their house is decorated with many of her silk screen prints and woodcuttings. Her children and many of her friends and relatives have been blessed to have her make their wedding rings and other items of jewelry. She recently learned to weld so that she could make bases for her ceramic amphora. She and Jack enjoyed tackling projects together ranging from repairing a sentimental soap dish to rewiring the kitchen to repairing and refinishing an antique pie safe.

One of her greatest joys was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Weekends were spent at Clear Lake doing projects and spending time with friends and family. She enjoyed boating, skiing and sailing. Family dinners were followed by hours of conversation, laughter and competitive games of Pictionary or Trivial Pursuit. She enjoyed the simple things in life and opened her arms and her home to welcome friends and family into the fold.

Mass of Christian Resurrection will be Thursday at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. 7th St. Auburn. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials can be made to the Lupke Foundation to be distributed to her favorite charities.

To sign the guest book or leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 16, 2009, Wednesday

Police find body of missing woman

COLUMBIA CITY — The body of Deb Houser, who has been missing since the middle of November, was found Tuesday in a stream near C.R. 200S between C.R. 575W and C.R. 625W.

Houser's ex-husband, Rod, has been charged with her murder. According to NewsChannel 15, the Whitley County coroner and three investigators found Houser's body after getting a tip on Monday that a neighbor had seen Rod Houser's vehicle in the area on the morning of Nov. 17.

Detective Sgt. Chuck Vogley with the Whitley County Sheriff's Department said Houser's body was well preserved. The stream where the body was located was about 2 1/2 feet deep. Authorities had searched the area before, but they believe Houser's body had been tucked under some brush, and when the water level rose, it broke free.

An autopsy will be performed today to determine the cause and manner of death.

An affidavit filed Nov. 20 by the Whitley County prosecuting attorney said a confidential informant came to the Whitley County Sheriff's Department Nov. 18 and reported that Rod Houser asked him to dispose of a bag of items and help him get rid of a Dodge Durango he was driving.

Crash kills Albion woman

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ALBION — A rural Albion woman was killed in a single-vehicle crash Tuesday morning, according to the Indiana State Police.

Kathleen E. Knafel, 60, died at the scene of the crash on C.R. 100N near C.R. 50W, according to ISP public information officer Sgt. Ron Galaviz.

Knafel was driving her 2004 Chevy 1500 pickup eastbound on C.R. 100N at 7:50 a.m. approaching a hill crest when the pickup slid off the south side of the roadway and up an embankment. It then rolled several times down into a ditch on the north side of the roadway. Knafel was ejected and sustained fatal injuries.

Galaviz said it appeared Knafel was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Her speed, coupled with existing road and weather conditions, caused the rollover.

Assisting Master Trooper Mike Lantz in the investigation were the Noble County Sheriff's Department and Noble County EMS.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 16, 2009, Wednesday

Lori Craig

ROME CITY — Lori LaVon Craig, 40, of Rome City died Sunday, December 13, 2009, in her residence.

Ms. Craig was a stay-at-home mom.

She was born May 17, 1969, in LaGrange to Jim and Carolyn (Stevens) Craig.

Ms. Craig

Surviving are her mother, Carolyn Williams of Rome City; her father and stepmother, Jim and Vicki Craig of Wolcottville; her life partner, Tim Warble of Rome City; two daughters, Whitley Michelle Craig of Fort Wayne and Cynthia Elaine Lowe of Rome City; a son, Johnathon T. Warble of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Michelle Miazgowicz of Portage, Michigan, and Monica Brady of Rome City; three nieces, Olivia, Madison, and Estasha; and three nephews, Nathaniel, Brendan, and Cruz.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 18, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be Thursday, December 17, 2009, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the AIDS Task Force of Fort Wayne.

View a video tribute by Thursday afternoon or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Harriett Archer

FORT WAYNE — Harriett L. Archer, 78, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Dec, 12, 2009, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Archer had been a pharmacy tech with Byron Health Care for more than 17 years. She retired in 1986.

Mrs. Archer

She attended Leo High School and was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Archer was born on the Hursh Homestead in the Leo area.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen (Robert) Lothamer and Terry (William) Jordan, all of Garrett; a son-in-law, Albert Wells of Hoagland; a stepdaughter, Nancy (Mark) Campbell of Wyoming; three stepsons, David (Diane) Archer of Florida, Bill (Linda) Archer of Schererville and Robert (Judy) Archer of Syracuse; a brother, Richard (Marilyn) Hursh of Spencerville; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 15 stepgrandchildren; and several stepgreat- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Archer; her parents, Harry and Bessie (Smead) Hursh; a daughter, Connie Wells; and a sister, Kathryn Jean Garman.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Greg Byman officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Dec. 23.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 16, 2009, Wednesday

Russell Shutts Jr.

QUINCY, Mich. — Russell LaVern Shutts Jr., 61, of Quincy and formerly of Fremont, Ind., died Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Shutts

Mr. Shutts retired from Walker Manufacturing in Litchfield, Mich., in 2005.

He was a 1966 graduate of Fremont High School.

Mr. Shutts enjoyed playing poker and going to Las Vegas to the casinos. He also enjoyed fishing, playing video games, and was a big Green Bay Packer fan.

He also enjoyed spending time with his loving wife, his family members and his children and grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 10, 1948, in Angola, Ind., to Russell LaVern Shutts Sr. and Mildred Arnold Shutts. He married Bonnie Hall on July 3, 1971. She survives in Quincy.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sandy Shutts of Quincy, Kandy Smith of Coldwater and Joy DeLong of Coldwater; a son, Roy and Melissa Shutts of Bronson, Mich.; a brother, Richard and Margaret Shutts of Fremont; a sister, Mary Ann Ernsberger of Seymour, Tenn.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Tammy Shutts.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Quincy.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Eugene Vachon

FORT WAYNE — Eugene R. Vachon, 83, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 14, 2009.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church at Hessen Cassel.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Son Bard

GARRETT — Son Hui Bard, 69, of Garrett died Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation or Church at Garrett.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 16, 2009, Wednesday

Rural Albion woman killed in single vehicle crash

ALBION — The Indiana State Police responded to a single vehicle crash Tuesday morning that claimed the life of a rural Albion woman on County Road 100 N near County Road 50 W.

According to Master Trooper Mike Lantz, at approximately 7:50 am, 60 year old Kathleen E. Knafel, of the 1200 block of Finlandia Way was driving her 2004 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck eastbound on CR 100 N approaching a hill crest near CR 50 W. Knafel's vehicle slid off of the south side of the roadway, up an embankment, and then rolled several times down into a ditch on the north side of the roadway.

Knafel was ejected and sustained fatal injuries as a result of the crash. Her speed, coupled with the existing road and weather conditions are listed as the causation factors in the crash. Assisting Lantz with his investigation was the Noble County Sheriff Department and Noble County EMS.

Ben Kreigh, 54

AVILLA – Ben Henry Kreigh, 54, an Avilla resident died on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, leaving a legacy of humor and courage to those who knew and loved him.

A graduate of East Noble High School in 1973, he enjoyed water and snow skiing, never met a kid he didn't like, and traveled the globe with his wife, Loneda. He was preceded in death by his father, Forest Kreigh on May 12, 1995.

Ben owned Fort Wayne based Equipment Resale, a business he built over 28 years.

Survivors include his wife, Loneda Kreigh of Kendallville; Mother, Carol Kreigh of Kendallville; Sister, Ellen Blasi of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Fred Kreigh of Kendallville and Nick Kreigh of Auburn

A Memorial service was held, December 12, 2009 at the church.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Turnstone or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are being arranged by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Alberta King, 91

WOLCOTTVILLE — Alberta E. King, age 91, died early Thursday morning, December 10, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born on July 3, 1918, in Lakeville, Indiana, and was the daughter of William and Rosa (Sahli) Berger. They are both deceased.

Mrs. King moved to Albion in 1945, then to Hackenburg Lake in Wolcottville in 1997. For the past year she has resided at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a homemaker for her life's work.

On December 29, 1939, she married Orva King in Woodland. He died on February 6, 2006.

Mrs. King enjoyed cooking, quilting and gardening.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dewaine (Julia Ann) King of Wolcottville, David (Debra) King of Avilla and Dennis (Diane) King of Albion; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, Harold Berger.

Funeral services for Mrs. King were held December 14, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Pastor Thomas Dunbar officiated. Burial followed at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Alberta to the Provena Sacred Heart Home Activities Department.

Send condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 16, 2009, Wednesday

Melvin E. Twaits, 83

KIMMELL – Melvin E. Twaits, age 83, of Kimmell, IN passed away December 10, 2009 at Rivercrest Specialty Hospital in Mishawaka, IN.

Melvin was born July 9, 1926 in Sparta Township, IN to the late John R. "Shortie" & Lora (Hart) Twaits.

He served his country honorably in the United States Navy on the USS Chenango from 1942-46. He retired as a maintenance supervisor at Essex Wire & later United Technologies after 30 plus years of service. Melvin was a member of the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier. He also enjoyed farming, gardening, working on cars, & fixing things.

He is survived by two daughters, Sarah "Sue" (Ron) Browning of Bear Lake and Melanie (Jeff) Creek of Huntertown, IN; four granddaughters, Carla Ladig of Columbia City, IN, Gracie and Cierra Creek of Huntertown, IN, Brandi Twaits of Ashley, IN; one great-grandson, Kyle Phillips of Columbia City, IN, and a sister, Alice Cripe of Millersburg.

He was preceeded in death by Melvin Scott Twaits and two sisters, Rose Twaits & Ruth Davidson.

A funeral service was held on December 14, 2009 at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Wray McCalister officiating. Burial followed at Stringtown Cemetery in Washington Township, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier, IN.

Denny Lamar Sanders, 64

LIGONIER - Denny Lamar Sanders, 64, of Ligonier, died Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in Steuben County. He was born to the late Paul and Betty Sanders on December 14, 1944

He was married to Carolyn Sanders.

Denny was a lifetime resident of Noble County. He was a farmer.

Denny is survived by his wife Carolyn of Ligonier; three sons, Tim Sanders of Wawaka, Joe Rex of Syracuse; and Larry Rex of LaGrange; and two daughters, Susan Sanders of Wawaka and Amy Rex of White Pigeon, MI; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews; three brothers, Howard (Von) Sanders of Angola, Donald (Nora) Sanders, and Gary (Linda) Sanders both of Albion; two sisters, Julia (Romero) Sanders of Albion and Connie of Alabama.

Along with his parents Denny was preceded in death by two sisters, Roberta Hicks and Jeanie Keene.

Services were officiated by the Rev. Larry R. Williams and were held December 11, 2009 at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey- Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial followed in Oak Park Cemetery.

Donations in loving remembrance of Denny may be directed to the family.

To view the obituary or to sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Travis Reeve, 27

LAGRANGE — Travis Lee Reeve, 27, of LaGrange died Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on April 5, 1982, to Gary Reeve and Debra Merrifield. They both survive in LaGrange.

He was a line operator for Syndicate Systems in Middlebury, IN., and lived his lifetime in the LaGrange area.

Also surviving is a grandmother, Joan Reeve of Albion, Ind.; a stepmother, Lori Reeve of LaGrange, Ind.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Shawn Mynhier of Wolcottville, Ind., and Chad (Laurie) Reeve of Nappanee, Ind.; a sister, Kiersten Reeve of LaGrange, Ind.; and three aunts and uncles, Jack (Sharon) Miller of LaGrange, IN., Duane (Melody) Winebrenner and Randy (Jo) Reeve, all of Albion, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Leland Reeve, and his maternal grandparents, Jean and Betty Lou Merrifield.

Funeral services were held December 14, 2009, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, IN. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiated. Burial took place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, IN.

Memorials may be contributed to the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 16, 2009, Wednesday

Roger P. Petersen, 71

LIGONIER - Roger R. Petersen, 71 of rural Ligonier, died, Monday, December 7, 2009 at 10:32 P.M. at his residence with his family at his side. Mr. Petersen had been battling cancer since August of this year.

Roger was a lifetime Noble County resident, born on December 19, 1937 in Noble County to the late Theodore and Lenore (Reed) Petersen. On November 17, 1957 he married Nancy Cooper she survives.

Roger proudly served his country in the United States Air Force.

In his formative years Roger came out of high school working for Orwiler Chevrolet, then went to work for H and S Farm store in Ligonier. He then became the owner of the Gulf Service Station in Ligonier for many years. After selling the station, he purchased a farm east of Ligonier and became a farmer. Also while farming he drove school bus for the West Noble School Corporation.

Roger was also very active in several area, state and national organizations including, The Indiana Berkshire Assoc, serving 6 years on the board of directors and 5 years as President. He was also active with the American Berkshire Assoc, serving 3 years on the board of directors and with Taper Lock Credit Union in Topeka, serving 15 years on the board of directors and served 5 years as Treasurer. He was also a member of the Noble County Pork Producers, the Duroc Swine Assoc., American Yorkshire Assoc. and was a Purdue Swine Test Station advisor.

He was also a member of the Noble 4-H as a member, as a kid, then leader as an adult. He was also a member of the Burr Oak Church in Ligonier, the Fenton Glass Collectors and the West Noble American Legion Post # 243.

Roger proudly showed his swine locally, statewide and nationally.

He was a 1956 graduate of Albion – Jefferson High School in Albion. In his free time Roger loved gardening, collecting Danish glassware and genealogy.

His wife, Nancy, survives him; two son, Randal (Cheryl) Petersen of Cromwell and Rodney (Julia) Petersen of Wawaka; two daughters, Teresa (Michael) Rose of Logansport and Robin (Wayne) Musselman of Ligonier; fifteen grandchildren and one great grandchild; one brother, Allen (Jeannie) Petersen of Albion; one sister, Jane (Monroe) Hummel of Columbia City, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held December 11, 2009 at the Ulrey –Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev, Mark Burritt officiated.

Burial followed at the Cospersville Cemetery. The West Noble American Legion post # 243 conducted military graveside services.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Burr Oak Church in Ligonier.

To view the obituary or to sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

The Ulrey - Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 16, 2009, Wednesday

Martha Jean Leitch, 83

KIMMELL – Martha "Marty" Jean Leitch, age 83, of Smalley Lake of Kimmell, died on December 9, 2009 at 11:13 AM after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on April 19, 1926 to John B. & Iva Mae (Coats) Clouse in Green Township, IN. She married Carroll "Peck" V. Leitch in Albion on August 10, 1946. They were married for 63 years.

Martha was a lifetime area resident. She retired from Dana after 26 years of service & was a dedicated homemaker.

She was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier and also liked to cook, fish, hunt mushrooms and go to garage sales. Most of all, she loved her family.

She is survived by her husband Carroll, one daughter: Nancy (Ed) White of Larwill, four sons: Norman (Marcia) Leitch of Kimmell, Russell (Colleen) Leitch of Kimmell, Tim (Helen) Leitch of Albion, Bruce (Helen) Leitch of Kimmell, 19 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and a sister: Edith Romine of Kimmell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister: Betty Clouse, seven brothers: Junior, Russell, James, Benard, Harry, William & Donald Clouse.

A funeral service for Martha was held December 14, 2009 at Stone's Hill Community Church with Pastor Joey Nelson & Thomas Carroll Leitch officiating. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam, IN.

Pallbearers were Tim Leitch, Tom Leitch, Craig Leitch, Aaron Leitch, Adam Leitch, Troy Byall, Rhonda Bergman and Sherry Byers. Honorary pallbearers were Melissa Goodyear, Angie McClellan, Erica Leitch, Emily Bonner, Michelle Meade, Aaron Allman, Ben Byall, Marc Byall, Edward Leitch, Anthony Leitch, Ashley Leitch & Allen Gordon.

Memorial contributions are to Parkview Hospice in Columbia City-2806 Theater Avenue Suite A, Huntington, IN 46750 or Riley Children's Hospital- 30 South Meridian St. Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

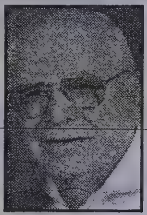
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 17, 2009, Thursday

Howard Mason Sr.

COLUMBIA CITY — Howard Lee Mason Sr., age 90, of Columbia City, Ind., passed away at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City.

Born on November 9, 1919 in Fort Wayne, Ind., he was the son of Ray and Nellie (Morris) Mason.

He attended school in Flint, Ind., and graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Mason

On June 14, 1941, he married Dorothy Gephart in Fort Wayne.

He served in the United States Army from 1944-1946 during World War II. He lived most of his life in Fort Wayne, Ind., until moving to Columbia City in 1978. He moved to Noble Township, Noble County, in November 1991.

In 1980, he retired from Fort Wayne Cover-All Rental Company as a sales representative. Earlier in his life, he had been employed by the Farnsworth Company and Eskay Dairy of Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was a member of Columbia City Post 5582 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Columbia City Post 98 American Legion and Columbia City Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906.

Survivors include his two sons, Robert Allen (Kerry) Mason of Kendallville and Howard Lee Mason Jr. of Boulder City, Nev.; his longtime companion, Roberta Graves of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Gephart Mason, and his brothers, Harold and Eugene Mason.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Friday, December 18, 2009, with a 7:30 p.m. Eagles Twilight Service at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, Ind.

Funeral service is Saturday, December 19, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Following the service, military honors will be presented by American Legion Post 98 and VFW Post 5582.

Memorials may be given in memory of Mr. Mason to Parkview Whitley Home Health & Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

In Memory of Henry F. Jefferson

We would like to thank each family member and friend for their sympathy in our loss. Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers and food. Special thanks to Pastor Don Carlson, WLBC, Hite Funeral Home and Women of Wolf Lake Baptist Church for the meal.

Words cannot express our appreciation for your sympathy. We have lost a good Christian, husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Henry's Loving Wife, Carolyn
Son, Rick and Our Families

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 17, 2009, Thursday

Oswald Marcher

ANGOLA — Oswald "Ozzie" G. Marcher, 86, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Father Fred Pasche officiating. Entombment will be at the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are for Masses or St. Anthony Church Building Fund.

To sign the online guestbook or to send condolences go to hejohnsonfh.com.

Kathleen Knafel

ALBION — Kathleen E. Knafel, 60, of rural Albion, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at 7:50 a.m. at the intersection of C.R. 100N and C.R. 50W near Albion due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash.

Services will be on Monday at 1 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-8 p,m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be directed to the Riley Children's Hospital, Salvation Army, Vietnam Veterans or Saint Jude's Children's Hospital. Memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Gary Hefty

AUBURN — Gary L. Hefty, 59, of Auburn died Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 15, 1950, in Garrett.

Gary was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Vietnam War.

He retired from Rieke after 30 years of service and enjoyed fishing, camping, bowling and spending time with his dog, Jasper.

Mr. Hefty

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Christina Hefty of Auburn; two sons, Patrick and Sarah Hefty of Austin, Texas, and Benjamin Hefty of Auburn; his mother, Elizabeth Hefty of Apex, N.C.; his grandson, Christopher Tieman of Butler; his sister, Barbara and Bruce Barhydt of Apex, N.C.; his brother, James Hefty of Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Derril Hefty.

Funeral service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation, American Diabetes Association or to the family.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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In Memory of Henry F. Jefferson

We would like to thank each family member and friend for their sympathy in our loss. Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers and food. Special thanks to Pastor Dan Carlson, WLBC, Hite Funeral Home and Women of Wolf Lake Baptist Church for the meal.

Words cannot express our appreciation for your sympathy. We have lost a good Christian, husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Henry's Loving Wife, Carolyn
Son, Rick and Our Families

Lorene Dekko Salsbery

FORT WAYNE — Lorene Dekko Salsbery, 48, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at 5:21 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's paper.

Lorene Dekko Salsbery dies at 48

FORT WAYNE — Lorene Dekko Salsbery, the eldest daughter of Noble County entrepreneur and philanthropist Chester "Chet" Dekko, died Wednesday at 5:21 p.m. in Fort Wayne. She was 48.

Salsbery was a philanthropist in her own right as a member of the board of directors of The Dekko Foundation with her sister, Erica Dekko, and foundation president Tom Leedy. Salsbery was the founder of the Oak Farm Montessori School which opened its doors to students on Jan. 24, 2000, at 502 Lemper Road in Avilla.

Salsbery made more than 30 visits to private and public school systems in coming up with the idea for the Montessori school, and also toured 30 day care centers, church ministries and home providers as she grew determined to give preschool children a better start to their educational lives.

On the Oak Farm Montessori School Web site, Salsbery wrote: "On my dad's grave is the inscription, 'Only the educated are free.' … The Dekko Foundation became interested and supportive because it fit my dad's ideals about education … Most importantly, I think I have served God and may He continue to bless this school."

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Kathleen Knafel

ALBION — Kathleen E. Knafel, 60, of rural Albion, died Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 7:50 a.m. at the intersection of Noble County Road 100 North and 50 West near Albion due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash.

Kathleen was a generous loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. Her smile and laugh will be greatly missed, but above all her caring and everlasting bonding will be missed most.

She was born on June 13, 1949, in Kendallville to Dalles and Claudine (Baker) King. On February 4, 1966, she married James E. Knafel at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. He survives in Albion.

Mrs. Knafel was the program secretary for the Indiana Department of Corrections in Albion. She was a lifetime Albion resident and a graduate of the Albion-Jefferson High School.

She is survived by her husband James E. "Jim" Knafel; three sons and three daughters-in-law, Terry Lee and Brenda Knafel of Roanoke, Brian Keith and Lisa Knafel of Albion and Kevin Michael and Nicole Knafel of Albion; her mother, Claudine (Baker) King of Albion; 10 grandchildren, Zachary Knafel, Katelyn Knafel, Paul Wiley, Phillip Wiley, Shelby Jarrell, Shala Jarrell, Cameron Knafel, Caylee Knafel, Keith Knafel and Kyle Knafel; two brothers and 1 sister-in-law, Dennis and Sandy King of Albion and Gary King and friend Lon Braun of Fort Wayne; and longtime family friend Duane Simpson of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dalles King.

Visitation will be on Sunday, December 20, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Funeral services will be on Monday, December 21, 2009, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Austin Fergusson will officiate.

Burial will follow at The Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Pallbearers will be Terry Lee Knafel, Brian Keith Knafel, Kevin Michael Knafel, Zachary Michael Knafel, Cameron James Knafel, Phillip Guy Wiley, Keith Michael Knafel and Kyle Lee Knafel.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be directed to the Riley Children's Hospital, Salvation Army, Vietnam Veterans or Saint Jude's Children's Hospital. Memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To view the obituary online, or to sign the online register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhomes.com.

Duane Judt

FREMONT — Duane A. Judt, 46, of Fremont died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Center in Angola.

Mr. Judt was a quality control technician at Cold Heading in Fremont and formerly worked at Amcast Automotive in Fremont.

He was born Oct. 27, 1963, in Fort Wayne to Charles W. Judt and Patricia (Hoffman) Coburn. His mother survives in Largo, Fla., and his father preceded him in death.

He married Jann R. Coles on June 29, 1996, in Fremont. She survives in Fremont.

Surviving with his wife and mother are a sister, Kallie S. Freed of Largo, Fla.; a brother, Robert Judt of Largo, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Ginger and Heather; four stepgrandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; nine nephews; and six nieces.

A celebration of life will be held from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, 200 W. Toledo St., Fremont.

Burial will be at a later date in Monroeville.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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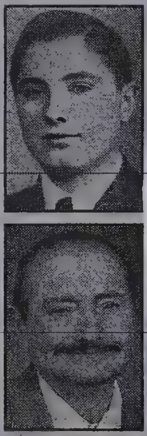
Oswald Marcher

ANGOLA — Oswald G. "Ozzie" Marcher, 86, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.


Mr. Marcher

Mr. Marcher had been a 50-year grain and livestock farmer. He also operated a grain and farm supply business for 35 years. He retired from farming in 1991 and moved to Angola.

He was a native of Southwest Allen County and a graduate of Lafayette Central High School in 1941.

Mr. Marcher was active as a 4-H Leader, member of Catholic Order of Foresters, Indiana Grain & Feed Dealers Association, Indiana Farm Bureau.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, Ind.

He was born July 20, 1923, in Roanoke, Ind., to Peter and Vincencia (Hera) Marcher. He married Joyce (Bauserman) Marcher at St. John's Catholic Church in New Haven, Ind., on Sept. 2, 1950. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving is a brother, Peter J. Marcher II, of Lancaster, Pa.; five nieces and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Entombment will be at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with a rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are for Masses or to the St. Anthony Church Building Fund.

To sign the online guest book or to send condolences visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Jennifer Jones

FREMONT — Jennifer Lynne (Hill) Jones, 58, of Fremont died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at her Fremont home.

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones had worked as a production clerk at Tenneco in Angola since 1997.

Prior to moving to Fremont, she had lived in the Hobart area and had been employed in Chicago in the law and advertising fields. She had also previously worked on the Indiana Toll Road.

She was a graduate of Hobart High School.

Mrs. Jones was an animal lover and enjoyed spending time with her friends and family.

She was born Feb. 18, 1951, in Gary to Billy Keith and Betty D. (Duncan) Hill. She married William R. "Bill" Jones on March 2, 2002, in Fremont. He survives.

Also surviving are her husband, Bill Jones of Fremont; a sister, Cynthia Ziegele of Fishers; a brother and sister-in-law, Matthew and Mary Hill of Louisville, Ky.; nieces and nephews, Elizabeth Navarro and Jason, Michael and Kelcie Hill; and a great-nephew, J.T. Navarro.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, December 19, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Humane Society Inc. of Steuben County, 1700 N. 200 W., Angola IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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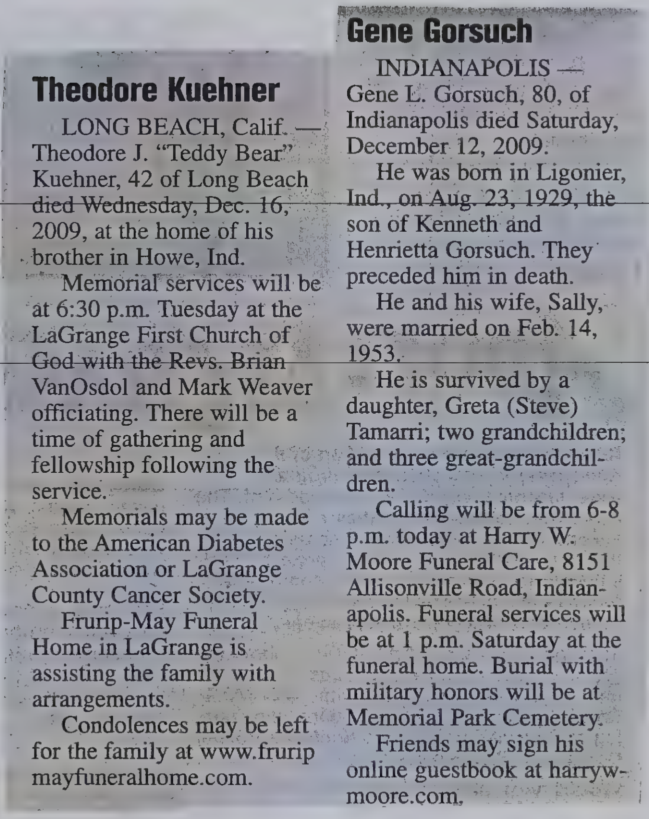

Theodore Kuehner

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Theodore J. "Teddy Bear" Kuehner, 42 of Long Beach died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at the home of his brother in Howe, Ind.

Memorial services will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the LaGrange First Church of God with the Revs. Brian VanOsdol and Mark Weaver officiating. There will be a time of gathering and fellowship following the service.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip mayfuneralhome.com.

Gene Gorsuch

INDIANAPOLIS — Gene L. Gorsuch, 80, of Indianapolis died Saturday, December 12, 2009.

He was born in Ligonier, Ind., on Aug. 23, 1929, the son of Kenneth and Henrietta Gorsuch. They preceded him in death.

He and his wife, Sally, were married on Feb. 14, 1953.

He is survived by a daughter, Greta (Steve) Tamarri; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Harry W. Moore Funeral Care, 8151 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may sign his online guestbook at harryw-moore.com.

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Angola man killed with ax

MIKE MARTURELLO

A Steuben County Sheriff's deputy is stationed outside the home of Kevin and Norma Jean Mote on Friday afternoon. Norma Mote allegedly killed her husband early Friday.

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Wife being held after she phones police to report murder of spouse

BY MIKE MARTURELLO
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ANGOLA — An Angola woman sat calmly in jail as she was being arraigned for murdering her husband.

The demeanor of Norma Jean Mote, 44, as she appeared before Magistrate Randy Coffey belied the charge she was facing and the horrible nature of what she allegedly did early Friday in the Angola home she shared with her husband, Kevin Conway Mote, 56, and their two teenaged sons.

N. Mote

K. Mote

Mote allegedly killed her husband with an ax in the upstairs bedroom of the home in the 900 block of Fox Lake Road. She phoned 911 at about 12:30 a.m. Friday to report to police that she had killed her husband, court documents said.

Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder ruled that Kevin Mote died of trauma to the head, court records said. There was very little detail in the charging documents against Norma Mote.

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Lorene Salsbery

FORT WAYNE — Lorene Dekko Salsbery, 48, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 5:21 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Lorene was a 1984 graduate of Hanover College, majoring in communications. While at Hanover, she was a cheerleader and a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Lorene's smile, laughter, and spirit were characteristic throughout her life.

Mrs. Salsbery

With an entrepreneurial spirit, she formed and ran her own business a few years before she became involved in the family business, Group Dekko. She then assumed the position of chief executive officer of The Dekko Foundation. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Freedom Academy and Three Rivers Montessori. Eventually, she combined her entrepreneurial spirit with her leadership skills and tremendous vision within the field of the education of children to create Oak Farm Montessori School of Avilla. Her legacy of education for children through her vision and guidance will impact generations.

She was born November 10, 1961, in Columbia City. She is the daughter of Chester E. Dekko and Erlene (Black) Dekko. Her father preceded her in death on September 25, 1992.

On November 23, 1985, in Kendallville she married Philippe Salsbery who survives in Fort Wayne. He is the owner of Q-doba Mexican Grill Restaurants in Indiana.

Also surviving are two daughters, Olivia and Sophia Salsbery, both at home; her mother, Erlene Dekko of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Erica Dekko and Tim Kochanski of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Tad and Pat Dekko of Naples, Florida; a niece, Paige Dekko; two nephews, Ryan Kochanski and Chase Dekko; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack and Denise Salsbery of Indianapolis; a sister-in-law and her husband, Linda and Pat Calhoun of Indianapolis; and two brothers-in-law and their spouses, Scott and Karen Salsbery and Billie and Veronica Salsbery, all of Indianapolis.

A celebration of life service will be Monday, December 21, 2009, at 10 a.m. in The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Rick Hawks officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery, Fremont.

Casketbearers will be Kyle Black, Tim Kochanski, Jon Roemke, Pat Calhoun, Scott Salsbery and Billie Salsbery.

Calling is Sunday, December 20, 2009, from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services at The Chapel on Monday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Red Cross, 1212 E. California Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46895 or Oak Farm Montessori School, 502 Lemper Road, Avilla, IN 46710.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Darwin Coulter

MIDDLEBURY — Darwin L. "Dar" Coulter, 76, of Middlebury died Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 210 Middlebury.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Richard Lutterbein

EDGERTON, Ohio — Richard B. "Dick" Lutterbein, 85, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 8:55 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

A second-generation owner and operator of Lutterbein Lumber Company in Edgerton, Mr. Lutterbein currently served as CEO of Building Concepts, the parent company of Lutterbein Lumber Company, Cardinal Truss and Components, Lutterbein Properties, Cover-All Indiana, and Open Door and Window Company. The company was a pioneer with its American Homes in Japan project.

Mr. Lutterbein

A 1942 graduate of Edgerton High School, he was a high jump state champion and a graduate of Heidelberg College.

A veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Marines, he was a member of John D. Smith Post 10 of the Edgerton American Legion and participated in the Honor Flight Program visiting the World War II Memorial.

A member of the Edgerton Rotary Club, he was a past president, a Paul Harris Fellow and past Rotarian of the Year. He held a Realtor's license in both Ohio and Indiana and was active in the Edgerton Historical Society. He was also instrumental in the efforts to open the Ohio Turnpike exit in northern Williams County.

He was a former member of the Edgerton Masonic Lodge 357 F & AM and then the Bryan Masonic Lodge 215 F & AM and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo. Mr. Lutterbein was a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bryan, having served on the church council and was active in building the new church.

Dick and his brother, John, were honored as "Citizens of the Year" in Edgerton. He was a former member of Orchard Hills Country Club and was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of 1st National Bank.

Richard B. Lutterbein was born on September 6, 1924, in Edgerton, the son of Benjamin H. and Alma M. (Geiger) Lutterbein. He married Marilyn B. Uhlmann on June 19, 1949, in West Caldwell, New Jersey, and she preceded him in death on November 24, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Lutterbein of Akron, Indiana, Diana (Dennis) Imbrock of Grove City, Ohio, and Susan (David) Buck, of Centerville, Ohio; five grandchildren; and an honorary daughter, Cheryl Harker Keis. Also surviving are one brother, one sister, a sister-in-law, and his special friend, Fran Schlachter, of Bryan, Ohio.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife was a brother, John.

Visitation will be held today, Saturday, December 19, 2009, from 2-8 p.m., followed by a Masonic service, in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, and on Sunday, December 20, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. in the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bryan.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 20, 2009, in the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bryan with the Reverend Mary Beth Smith-Webb officiating. Private interment will take place on Monday, December 21, 2009, in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith Post 10 of the Edgerton American Legion.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be given to the Edgerton Athletic Boosters or Trinity Lutheran Church in Bryan.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

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John Benthine

EVANSVILLE — John Frederick Benthine, 86, formerly of Kendallville, passed away on Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, in Evansville where he had lived since 2007, having lived previously in Winterhaven, Fla.

Mr. Benthine

He was an excellent chef and worked in the restaurant business and enjoyed gardening, flowers and vegetables. John was a member of the First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon.

Surviving Mr. Benthine are his wife, Helen (Beers) May Benthine; a stepson and his wife, Larry and Sherry May of Evansville; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 2009, in Evansville. Burial of cremated remains will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is handling local arrangements.

Condolences may be left at hitefuneralhome.com

Martha Huss

PLEASANT LAKE — Martha Grace (Beard) Huss, 96, of Pleasant Lake, and formerly of Angola and Fremont, died Dec. 18, 2009, at her daughter's home in Pleasant Lake.

She was a farmer's wife and homemaker and was a national officer for the Soil Conservation Auxiliary of Steuben County. She also was a Red Cross volunteer.

She was a graduate of the 1931 Scott Center High School and a former member of Fairview Missionary Church.

Martha lived her entire life on the farm, just south of Angola, moving there in 1935. She was a sponsor for the Rural Youth Of Steuben County. She was a member of the Alpha Farmers Club. She liked to entertain foreign students from Tri-State College in a culture exchange.

Martha played the cello in the Steuben County Orchestra and the church orchestra before graduation from Scott Center High School. Her hobbies included crocheting and reading.

She was born Dec. 17, 1913, in Scott Township in Steuben County to Shirley William and Fern (Brown) Beard. She married Max D. Huss on Sept. 14, 1932, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gladys and Dan Shipe of Pleasant Lake; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Huss of Fremont; 10 grandchildren and spouses, Gene Huss, Dan Huss, Sheri Shaw, Diana Penick, Donna Thrasher, Robert Shipe, Debra True, Ronald Shipe, Richard Shipe and Gloria Amstutz; 13 great-grandchildren and spouses, Chris Thrasher, Jake Shipe, Ben True, Coty Shipe, Dan Shipe, Becky True Knox, Jennifer Shipe, Josh Thrasher, Bethany True, Jessica Shipe, Derrick Shipe, Samantha Amstutz and Allison Amstutz; two stepgreat-grandchildren; Kaitlyn Beardsley and Alexa Davis; and two sisters-in-law, Doris Taylor and Rosalind Beard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Max D. Huss, her parents and one son, Leon D. Huss.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Richard Servis officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Ramsdell

AUBURN — Robert E. Ramsdell, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

He was a sales representative and manager for Kaiser Agriculture.

He was born July 20, 1935, in Columbus, Ohio, to Charles and Grace (Love) Ramsdell.

He married Vicki Lapp on Aug. 2, 1978, in Angola and she survives. Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Annalee and Kurt Engel of Asheville, Ohio; a brother, Charles Ramsdell of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Mary Love Gemienhardt of Cincinnati, Ohio; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Private services will be held with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

John Picco

MIDDLEBURY — John Picco, 57, of Middlebury, died at 9:12 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, in Elkhart General Hospital. A memorial service is pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Debra McClellan

ALBION — Debra Jean McClellan, 50, of Albion, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn, where she had resided since 2005.

Over the last several years Debra had been battling Huntington's Disease.

Debra was a lifetime Albion resident. She was born Dec. 22, 1958, in Angola, Indiana to Clyde and Patricia (Goddard) Briggs.

Debra is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Amanda (Havert) and Adam Schieber of Kendallville; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Ryan Applegate, Jeff Applegate and Chris and Angel Appelgate of Bellview, Fla.; 13 grandchildren, Taylor, Kylee, Alexis, Jordan, Xander, Ethan, Morgan, Isis, Madison, and Emily Applegate and Jackson, Ethan and Makenzie Schieber; three sisters, Kerry Fuhrman of Auburn, Patti Dominey of Fort Wayne and Linda and Russ Olinger of Wolcottville; and one brother, Steve Briggs of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter, Ryleigh Applegate, one grandson, Christopher Fuller, a daughter-in-law, Amber Applegate, and one brother, Michael Briggs.

Cremation has taken place.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Larry R. Williams will conduct the memorial service.

Memorial calling will be Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at a later date at the Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City, Indiana.

To sign on the online guest register book visit brazzellfuneralhome.com.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

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Richard Waikel

ALBION — Richard Allen "Rick" Waikel, 59, of rural Albion, died on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse in Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for the last two weeks.

Mr. Waikel

Rick was born on March 3, 1950, in Fort Wayne to William "Ed" and Helen L. (Buckmaster) Waikel. He was a 1968 graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne and for the last 15 years was a truck driver for Conway Freight.

In his free time Rick loved restoring antique tractors, fishing, motorcycle riding and spending time with his family and friends. He was certified as a Master Truck Driver by the IMTA and was a member of the Indiana Sheriff's Assoc. National Rifles Assoc and the Muscle Car assoc.

Surviving are his parents; one daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Kenny Wells of LaOtto; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Kim Waikel of Fort Wayne and Brent and Jenny Waikel of Woodburn; nine grandchildren, Ashleigh, Alexis and Alizabeth Goldey, Staci Wells, Jacob, Andrew, and Kaleb Waikel, and Taylor and Autumn Waikel; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Terry and Penny Waikel of Albion, and Scott and Mary Waikel and Rodger Waikel, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Brandon Waikel.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Larry R. Williams will officiate the service. Burial will follow at the Thorn Cemetery, near Wolf Lake.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, December 22, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home. There will be an additional hour of calling prior to the funeral on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be directed to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

To view the obituary on line or to sign the online guest register book, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

John Picco

MIDDLEBURY — John L. Picco, 57, of Middlebury died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Services will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 South Main Street, Middlebury, with calling there from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to Northridge Dollars for Scholars.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Allen Swenson

FORT WAYNE — Allen R. Swenson, 54, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at his home in West Virginia.

Mr. Swenson

He was born Aug. 30, 1955, in Ware, Mass., to Alden and Betty (Holsinger) Swenson. His mother has passed away; his father survives in Fort Wayne.

He was a journeyman carpenter.

He is survived by a daughter, Staci Swenson of Fort Wayne; a son Daniel Swenson of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Vickie and Ron Marhenke of Waterloo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Martin and Kathy Swenson of Fort Wayne and Gary and Janelle Swenson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, December 28, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

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Norman Conrad

KENDALLVILLE — Norman L. Conrad, 74, of Kendallville died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at 9:05 p.m. in his residence.

Mr. Conrad

Mr. Conrad was a lifetime area resident. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and was self-employed as an appliance repairman.

He was born September 26, 1935, in Albion to Shirley and Flossie (Baker) Conrad. On February 4, 1956, in Kendallville he married Donna Trowbridge.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Conrad of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Glinda "Sue" and Floyd "Sam" Lautzenhiser of Avilla; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dave and Vicky Conrad of Wolcottville, Richard and Sarah Conrad of Kendallville, Timothy and Cindy Conrad of Wawaka, and Micheal Conrad of Garrett; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one-great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Mavis Fulford of Ligonier and Delores Treesh of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Delbert Elwood Conrad, James Melvin Conrad, Charles Edward Conrad; and one sister, Janice Marie Fulford.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery. Military graveside services will be provided by the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749, Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday, December 22, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Esperanza Resendiz

LIGONIER — Esperanza Resendiz, 47, of Ligonier died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Services will be Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Temple Bethel, Ligonier.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions are to the family.

Arrangements are by Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Janet Maxwell

AUBURN — Janet M. Maxwell, 74, of Auburn died Saturday Dec. 19, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. 7th St., Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn, and one hour prior to the Mass at the church Wednesday.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition of this newspaper.

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Janet Maxwell

AUBURN — Janet M. Maxwell, 74, of Auburn, died Saturday, December 19, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Maxwell

She was born July 6, 1935, in Auburn and was a 1955 graduate of Auburn High School. She was a telephone operator at Indiana Bell and had also worked at Betz Nursing Home. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Tri State Heisey Study Club.

Surviving are her husband, Robert K. Maxwell of Auburn; son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Cindy Maxwell of Fort Wayne; sister, Betty Hart of Auburn; grandchildren, Amanda, Carrie and Aric; great-grandchildren, Dahnte and Anias.

Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday 10 a.m. with calling one hour prior at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 500 E. 7th Street, Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd officiating.

Visitation Tuesday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

To sign the guest book or leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Emma Carmona

FREMONT — Emma LuAnn Carmona, 16 days old, of Fremont, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 2, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Private services have been held.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be left at beamsfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Phyllis Matz

CROMWELL — Phyllis E. Matz, 62, of Cromwell died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at 7:32 p.m. at her residence.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the North Webster Church of God, 302 N. Main St., North Webster.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. Burial will follow in North Webster Cemetery (Mock Addition).

Memorials are to North Webster Church of God, P.O. Box 313, North Webster, IN 46555, Heifer Project International, 66300 U.S. 33, Goshen, IN 46526 or to CaringBridge.org.

George Martin

ANGOLA — George I. Martin, 86, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

He was born April 28, 1923. He graduated from Waterloo High School and then attended Tri-State College, graduating with a degree in electrical engineering. He served in World War II as a radio operator in the Merchant Marines.

He was preceded in death by his parents. His first wife, Norva Strow, died in 1958, and his second wife, Jean TenEyck, died in 1980.

He has a sister, Evelyn, and a brother, Perry, living in Florida. He is survived by three daughters, Jackie TenEyck Smith of Auburn, Suzanne Shirley of Waterloo and Kimberly Martin of Lansing, Mich.; a son, James Martin of Angola; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

There will be a private memorial at a later date.

Collette Wallace

LIGONIER — Collette Jean Wallace, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at her home in De Leon Springs, Fla.

A memorial service will be Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 207 W. 4th St., Ligonier.

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John Dietsch

EDGERTON, Ohio — John C. "Dutch" Dietsch, 83, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, in his home after a brief illness.

Mr. Dietsch

Mr. Dietsch was a farmer and an independent truck driver with over 40 years of driving experience. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton and Knights of Columbus Council No. 1494 in Edgerton. He was also a member of the NRA, Farm Bureau and Williams County Pork Producers, and was a former member of the Bryan Moose Lodge No. 1064.

Mr. Dietsch was born March 12, 1928, in Edgerton, the son of Leo H. and Kathryn M. (Lantz) Dietsch. He married Marie D. Douglas on Sept. 4, 1948, in Chicago, Ill., and she preceded him in death in 2008.

Surviving are his children, John L. (Jane) Dietsch and Mary Kathryn Dietsch, both of Edgerton, Dan M. (Rhonda) Dietsch, of Fort Wayne, Judy (Harvie) Duran, of Auburn and Joseph K. Dietsch, of Indianapolis, Indiana; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one sister, Alice Jane Dietsch, also of Edgerton.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Interment will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, from 4-8 p.m. today, with recitation of the rosary to follow.

Memorials are to St. Mary Catholic School, Community Health Professionals of Williams and Fulton Counties or the Williams County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent and the online register signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

Mary Ann Stark

AVILLA — The Lord called, and she answered. Mary Ann Stark, age 66, of Avilla, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday, December 21, 2009 at her home in Avilla.

Mrs. Stark

She was born on December 18, 1943 in Fort Wayne and was the daughter of Arthur and Mary (Peterink) Tebbe. On August 8, 1964, she married Ralph Stark, he survives in Avilla. She and her husband came to Avilla from Fort Wayne in 1997.

Mrs. Stark retired as a secretary/treasurer from Rome City School Corporation, and was a teachers aide at St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla.

She was a very active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Rosary Sodality, Proclamation of the Word, and also a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's. She was an active organizer of the Women of Grace group.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Ralph Stark, a daughter, Jennifer Stark of Covington, Ohio. Sons, Matthew (Amy) Stark of Bloomington, Jeremy (April) Stark of Fort Wayne, Joshua (Kathleen) Stark of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Seven grandchildren; a brother, Arthur Tebbe of Fort Wayne, sisters, Karen (Jim) Brudi of New Haven, and Sandy (Dave) Pienta of Port Clinton, Ohio.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Michael Stark.

Mass of Catholic burial will be Thursday, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Ed Erpelding officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Wednesday, with a rosary service at 7:00 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral. Burial following will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Mary Ann Stark to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Cancer Service, St. Mary's Catholic School Scholarship fund, or Acres, Inc.

Send onlone condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Kevin Mote

ANGOLA — Kevin C. Mote, 56, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, in Angola.

Mr. Mote worked in maintenance at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola. He was a U.S. veteran.

He was born July 23, 1953, in Seattle, Wash., to Owen and Ruth (Olsen) Mote.

Surviving are his father, Owen Mote of Angola; his wife, Norma Mote of Angola; two sons, Michael and Christopher Mote, both of Angola; a brother, Kelly Mote of Chicago, Ill.; and a sister, Karen Friedel of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Mote.

A memorial service will take place Monday at 7 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in the Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to Cameron Memorial Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

Esperanza Resendiz

LIGONIER — Esperanza Resendiz, 47, of Ligonier, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at 8:18 a.m. at Elkhart General Hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. Resendiz

She moved to Ligonier in 1994, coming from Mexico, and was a dedicated homemaker.

She was a member of Ebenezer Evangelistic Center in Ligonier. She loved cooking, spending time with her family and doing God's work.

She was born Nov. 13, 1962, in Aguascalientes, Mexico, to Jose Estrada Alonso and Maria Martinez Macias.

She married Refugio Resendiz in 1982 and he survives in Ligonier. Also surviving are five children and spouses, Adriana (Jose) Rodriguez of Ligonier, Yessica (Guillermo) Silva of Ligonier, Refugio Resendiz Jr. of Ligonier, Jorge (Marie) Resendiz of Ligonier and Victor Hugo Resendiz of Ligonier; five grandchildren; and 10 siblings, all of Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be today at 5 p.m. at Templo Betel, Ligonier, with Pastor Peter Tamayo of Ebenezer Evengelistic Center, Ligonier, officiating.

Calling was Monday from 5-8 p.m. at Templo Betel, Ligonier.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Walter Smith

AUBURN — Walter Melvin Smith, 96, Auburn, passed away December 20, 2009 at Smith Farms Manor, Auburn.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was born June 25, 1913 at Butler, Indiana, to Carl R. Smith and Emma Viola Zerkle Smith. They both preceded him in death.

A brother, Herman Burwick Smith, and two sisters, Kathryn L. Smith Miller and Marcelle Smith Voss, also preceded him in death.

Mr. Smith married his grade school sweetheart, Kathleen Ruth Creager, on August 22, 1937, at Butler, Indiana. She died September 17, 1981. He then married Marie Pearlstone on May 11, 1983 at Port St. Lucie, Florida. She died January 14, 2001.

He is survived by his children, John Martin Smith and daughter-in-law, Barbara Clark Smith, of Auburn Indiana; Julie Ann Smith Hutter and son-in-law, Michael Hutter, of Fort Myers Beach, Florida; and Rev. Charles Walter Smith and daughter-in-law Arlene Anthis Smith, of Cedar Springs, Michigan. He is also survived by a step-daughter, Katherine Seymour, of Walden, New York.

Mr. Smith is also survived by six (6) grandchildren: Jeffrey Michael Hutter (Kelly) of Fort Myers Beach, Florida; John Clark Creager Smith (Joan) of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Jacqueline Hutter (Matthew Payne) of Decatur, Georgia; Joseph Charles Hutter (Jennifer) of Buckley, Washington; John Charles Thompson Smith (Jama) of Auburn, Indiana; John Carl Patrick Smith (Mary) of Auburn, Indiana; Walter Charles Smith (Katrina) of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Elizabeth Ruth Smith of Cedar Springs, Michigan.

He is also survived by ten (10) great-grandchildren: Kathleen Ruth Lucille Smith, Leah Evangeline Smith, Conner James Thompson Smith, Caleb Patrick Smith, Kendyl Jama Thompson Smith, Kaitlyn Thompson Jama Smith, Mia Hutter, Mitchell Hutter, Sofiya Payne, and Sasha Payne.

Mr. Smith attended Indiana Central College and Indiana University, but could not complete his education due to the financial strain of the Great Depression.

Mr. Smith was employed by the Oberlin Grocery Company at $12 per week for several years. In 1938, he became substitute postal clerk at the Butler Post Office and a regular clerk in 1941. On June 21, 1951, he was appointed postmaster at Butler by President Harry S. Truman. He served as Postmaster at Butler until his retirement on January 2, 1976. He was a very conscientious government employee and regularly worked mail and attended the counter, even though he was not required to do so as Postmaster. The Butler Post Office was a First Class Office during much of his tenure.

Mr. Smith was active in church and civic affairs. He was a member of Butler Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite. He was a Trustee and Treasurer of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for many years, and served as Trustee and President of the Butler Carnegie Library and member of the Board of Directors and President of the DeKalb County Red Cross Chapter.

Mr. Smith and his family lived on the Smith Family Farm on the southwest edge of Butler from 1950 until 1976. While they lived there, Mr. Smith and his sons raised livestock and farmed part time. He then retired to a lake property at Silver Lake in Steuben County, and to Spanish Lakes at Port St. Lucie, Florida. He had recently been a resident of Smith Farms Manor, Auburn.

Walter Smith was a friend to all, was always of good humor, liked playing jokes on friends and family members, and was dearly loved by his immediate and extended family. He is the last surviving member of his generation. He will be missed by all.

Services will be at the Butler United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. on December 23, 2009, with calling one hour prior. Calling will be at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, on December 22, 2009, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Masonic Service will be at 8:00 p.m. Interment will be at the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Butler United Methodist Church.

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Former Ligonier Mayor Longardner, 86, dies

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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FORT WAYNE — Glenn Longardner, whose name became synonymous with community service and dedication throughout Noble County, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Longardner had been ill for the past few months.

Until October of this year, he had served on the Ligonier City Council for 12 years and prior to that he served a term as mayor of Ligonier from 1992-96.

But it will be his devotion to community causes, his hard work and his desire to better his community that he will be most remembered for.

He lived and worked in Ligonier for more than 30 years, moving to that city from the Goshen area to run a John Deere implement dealership. After retiring in 1988, he jumped full force into community involvement and eventually entered local politics.

Longardner

The Rev. John Lutton of Ligonier served with Longardner on the City Council and other governing boards for many years, and has fond memories of their friendship.

"I remember when we persuaded him to run for mayor, he was somewhat reluctant at first, but then he embraced the job fully," Lutton said Tuesday night after hearing of Mr. Longardner's death.

"I enjoyed working on the council and the board of works with Glenn," he added. "I considered him a partner. He was involved in just everything and took it in stride. He was ready to serve and respond to any community need."

Longardner was a native of Woodburn. He was married for 57 years to Margaret (Schaff), and she passed away in 2002.

Of his love for serving his community, Longardner was fond of saying, "Service is the rent you pay for living."

The list of organizations he served is lengthy and includes:

- Parkview Noble Hospital Board of Directors;
- Ligonier Marshmallow Festival and its forerunner, Strawberry Valley Days Festival;
- Boy Scouts of America;
- Both the Elkhart County and Noble County fair boards;
- Ligonier United Methodist Church and Plymouth United Church of Christ;
- Ligonier Lions Club;
- Ruth Stultz Nursery School in Ligonier, where he was a founding board member.

He was also a longtime member of the Ligonier Chamber of Commerce, including a term as president, and in 1999 was named the city's Citizen of the Year. Just last month he was honored by the Noble County Community Foundation as a "Giver of Gifts."

"He was always there if you needed help," Lutton noted.

More information on services can be found on Page A4 of today's News Sun. A full obituary for Mr. Longardner will be printed in Thursday's newspaper.

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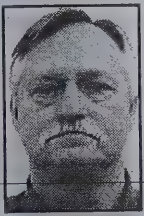
Donald Collins

KENDALLVILLE — Donald R. Collins, 59, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at his residence.


Mr. Collins

Mr. Collins worked for 17 years at Schust Engineering as a project engineer. He served in the U.S. Army until 1972. Donald coached Little League and NASA soccer. He was an avid NASCAR fan and an Eagle Scout.

He was born Nov. 6, 1950, in Fall Branch, Tenn., to Ralph and Deloris (Clark) Collins. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Rosanne L. (Cliff) Collins of Kendallville; a daughter, Wendi Collins of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Sean and Tammy Collins of Kendallville; two sisters, Sue Collins of Connecticut and Patricia Collins of Fairborn, Ohio; three grandchildren, Damien and Layla Collins and Solei Flores; four stepgrandchildren, Kristy Jones, Paul M. Slone, Brittany Slone and Amanda Slone; and one stepgreat-grandchild, Michael Slone.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, from 1-3 p.m. at Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 Lima Road (S.R. 3), Kendallville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the donor's choice.

Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Greg Shockley

LEO — Greg E. Shockley, 55, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2009, at his home in Leo.

Services will be Saturday at noon at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor David Heim officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home

Memorials are to Allen County SPCA, 4914 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne, IN 46806.

Jacob McKee

COLUMBIA CITY — Jacob Michael McKee, 30, of Columbia City, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2009, in Whitley County.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Glenn Longardner

LIGONIER — Glenn Eldridge Longardner 86, former Ligonier mayor and city councilman, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009, at 3:15 p.m. at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and John Peirce of Fort Wayne.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be conducted at the Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 3 p.m.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at the church. Immediately following the service, the family will host a celebration reception in the church's fellowship hall.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Parkview Noble Foundation, or Bethel Temple Young Adult Ministry, Ligonier.

Cremation arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Homes, Ligonier.

To sign the guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's newspaper.

Donald Eby

FREMONT — Donald Clarke Eby, 83, of Fremont and formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich., with interment following in Camden Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Camden-Frontier Athletic Department.

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Nancy Metzger

KENDALLVILLE — Nancy Ellen Metzger, age 73, of Kendallville, died peacefully on Monday, December 21, 2009 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Metzger

Mrs. Metzger was born in Kendallville on September 22, 1936 to the late Norman and Edna (Williamson) Wert.

She married Bill Metzger on December 18, 1954 in Kendallville.

She was retired from LDM Technologies in Kendallville as a press operator after with many years.

Nancy was proud that at the age of 40, she earned her General Education Diploma.

Her favorite pastime hobbies included making wedding cakes, reading, making crafts and spoiling her grandchildren. Nancy will always be remembered for making the best sugar cookies around!

Survivors include: Husband of 55 years, Bill Metzger of Kendallville; Son, Barry and Kim Metzger of Albion; Daughter, Cara Fender of Springfield, Tennessee; Son, Darin and Alva Metzger of Kendallville; 8 grandchildren and spouses: Brandy and Jim Mack of Waterloo; Courtney and Jeff Thorp of Auburn; Josh and Christine Weible of Avilla; Zach and Priscilla Fender of Waterloo; Laci and Duane Days of Auburn; Megan Metzger and Dustin Ewell of Albion; and Ashley and Chelsey Metzger of Kendallville; 17 great grandchildren and two expected soon! Brother, Walt and JoAnn Wert of Kendallville; Brother, Ray Wert of Michigan City; Sister, Norma and Bob Wicker of Kendallville; Sister, Jo Bell of Albion; Brother, Ben and Susan Wert of Kendallville; Sister, Susie and Bill Wallen of Avilla; Half brother, Junior Wert of Goshen.

Nancy was also preceded in death by her grandson, Chad Metzger in 1980; her brother, Dale Wert; and a half sister, Iantha Wooten.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 23, 2009, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, December 24, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Omer Nisley from the Brimfield United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Zach Fender, Josh Weible, Jeff Thorp, Duane Days, John Wicker, Jim Mack, Darrin Perkins and Jason Wert. Honorary bearer will be Brandy Mack.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by: Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Mary Ann Stark, 66

AVILLA - The Lord called, and she answered. Mary Ann Stark, age 66, of Avilla, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday, December 21, 2009 at her home in Avilla.

She was born on December 18, 1943 in Fort Wayne and was the daughter of Arthur and Mary (Paterink) Tebbe. On August 8, 1964, she married Ralph Stark, he survives in Avilla. She and her husband came to Avilla from Fort Wayne in 1997.

Mrs. Stark retired as a secretary/treasurer from Rome City School Corporation, and was a teachers aide at St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla.

She was a very active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Rosary Sodality, Proclamation of the Word, and also a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's. She was an active organizer of the Women of Grace group.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Ralph Stark, a daughter, Jennifer Stark of Covington, Ohio. Sons, Matthew (Amy) Stark of Bloomington, Jeremy (April) Stark of Fort Wayne, Joshua (Kathleen) Stark of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Seven grandchildren; a brother, Arthur Tebbe of Fort Wayne, sisters, Karen (Jim) Brudi of New Haven, and Sandy (Dave) Pienta of Ft. Clinton, Ohio.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Michael Stark.

Mass of Catholic burial will be Thursday, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Ed Erpelding officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Wednesday, with a rosary service at 7:00 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral.

Burial following will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Mary Ann Stark to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Cancer Service, St. Mary's Catholic School Scholarship fund, or

Acres, Inc.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Collette Jean Barret Wallace, 81

LIGONIER - Collette Jean Barrret Wallace, 81, died Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at her home in De Leon Springs, FL.

Collette was formly from the Wawaka and Ligonier area.

A memorial service will be December 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 207 W. 4th St. in Ligonier, IN.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Kathleen E. Knafel, 60

ALBION - Kathleen E. Knafel, 60, of rural Albion, died Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:50 A.M. at the intersection of Noble County Road 100 North and 50 West near Albion due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash.

Kathleen was a generous loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. Her smile and laugh will be greatly missed, but above all her caring and everlasting bonding will be missed most.

She was born on June 13, 1949 in Kendallville to Dalles and Claudine (Baker) King. On February 4th, 1966 she married James E. Knafel at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, he survives in Albion.

Mrs. Knafel was the Program Secretary for the Indiana Department of Corrections in Albion. She was a lifetime Albion resident and a graduate of the Albion-Jefferson High School.

She is survived by her husband James E. "Jim" Knafel; three sons, Terry Lee (Brenda) Knafel of Roanoke, Brian Keith (Lisa) Knafel of Albion, and Kevin Michael (Nicole) Knafel of Albion; her mother, Claudine (Baker) King of Albion; ten grandchildren, Zachary Knafel, Katelyn Knafel, Paul Wiley, Phillip Wiley, Shelby Jarrell, Shala Jarrell, Cameron Knafel, Caylee Knafel, Keith Knafel and Kyle Knafel; two brothers; Dennis (Sandy) King of Albion and Gary King and friend Lon Braun of Fort Wayne, Indiana; longtime family friend Duane Simpson of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dalles King.

Funeral Services were on Monday, December 21, 2009 at the funeral home. The Rev. Austin Fergusson officiated.

Burial followed at The Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Pallbearers were Terry Lee Knafel, Brian Keith Knafel, Kevin Michael Knafel, Zachary Michael Knafel, Cameron James Knafel, Phillip Guy Wiley, Keith Michael Knafel and Kyle Lee Knafel.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Riley Children's Hospital, Salvation Army, Vietnam Veterans or Saint Jude's Children's Hospital. Memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To view the obituary online, or to sign the online register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were in care of the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Norman Conrad , 74

KENDALLVILLE —Norman L. Conrad, 74, of Kendallville died Saturday, December 19, 2009, at 9:05 p.m. in his residence.

He was born September 26, 1935, in Albion to Shirley and Flossie (Baker) Conrad. On February 4, 1956, in Kendallville he married Donna Trowbridge.

Mr. Conrad was a lifetime area resident. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and was self-employed as an appliance repairman.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Conrad of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Glinda "Sue" (Floyd "Sam") Lautzenhiser of Avilla; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dave (Vicky) Conrad of Wolcottville, Richard (Sarah) Conrad of Kendallville, Timothy (Cindy) Conrad of Wawaka, and Micheal Conrad of Garrett; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one-great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Mavis Fulford of Ligonier and Delores Treesh of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Delbert Elwood Conrad, James Melvin Conrad, Charles Edward Conrad; and one sister, Janice Marie Fulford.

Services were held December 23, 2009, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Burial took place in Sweet Cemetery. Military graveside services were provided by the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749, Kendallville.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Debra Jean McClellan, 50

ALBION - Debra Jean Mc Clellan, 50 of Albion, died on Friday, December 18, 2009 at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn, where she had resided since 2005.

Over the last several years Debra had been battling Huntington's Disese.

Debra was a lifetime Albion resident. She was born on December 22, 1958 in Angola, Indiana to the late Clyde and Patricia (Goddard) Briggs.

Debra is survived by one daughter, Amanda (Havert) (Adam) Schieber of Kendallville; three sons Ryan Applegate, Jeff Applegate and Chris (Angel) Appelgate of Bellview, Florida; fifteen grandchildren, Taylor, Kylee, Alexis, Jordan, Xander, Ethan, Morgan, Isis, Madison, and Emily Applegate; Jackson, Ethan and Makenzie Schieber; three sisters, Kerry Fuhrman of Auburn, Patti Dominey of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Linda (Russ) Olinger of Wolcottville; one brother, Steve Briggs of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter, Ryleigh Applegate; one grandson, Christopher Fuller; daughter-in-law, Amber Applegate and one brother, Michael Briggs.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. at the the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Larry R. Williams conducted the memorial service.

Burial will take place at a later date at the Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City, Indiana.

To sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

The Brazzell Funeral Homes and Cremation Service was in charge of arrangements.

Richard Allen Waikel, 59

ALBION – Richard Allen "Rick" Waikel, 59, of rural Albion, died on Saturday, December19, 2009 at the Visiting Nurse in Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for the last two weeks.

Rick was born on March 3, 1950 in Fort Wayne to William "Ed" and Helen L. (Buckmaster) Waikel. He was a 1968 graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne and for the last 15 years was a truck driver for Conway Freight.

In his free time Rick loved restoring antique tractors, fishing, motorcycle riding and spending time with his family and friends. He was certified as a Master Truck Driver by the IMTA and was a member of the Indiana Sheriff's Assn. National Rifles Assn. and the Muscle Car Assn.

His parents, one daughter; Becky (Kenn) Wells of La Otto, Indiana; two sons, Brian (Kim) Waikel of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Brent (Jenny) Waikel of Woodburn, Indiana; nine grandchildren, Ashleigh, Alexis and Alizabeth Goldey, Staci Wells, Jacob, Andrew, and Kaleb Waikel and Taylor and Autumn Waikel; three brothers, Terry (Penny) Waikel of Albion, Indiana, Scott (Mary) Waikel and Rodger Waikel all of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Brandon Waikel.

Funeral Services were on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Larry R. Williams officiated the service.

Burial followed at the Thorn Cemetery, near Wolf Lake, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be directed to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

To view the obituary on line or sign the online guest register book, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Glenn Longardner

LIGONIER — Glenn Eldridge Longardner died on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 3:15 p.m. at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and John Peirce of Fort Wayne.

Born to William and Dora (Rorick) Longardner on a farm near Woodburn, Indiana, on October 26, 1923, he graduated from Woodburn High School in 1941. He married Margaret Schaaf of Fort Wayne on August 19, 1945.

Longardner worked for 43 years for the John Deere Company, beginning his career at the John Deere warehouse in Fort Wayne. He worked as parts manager at Kauffman John Deere (Goshen, IN) and as a sales representative at John Deere dealerships in northern Indiana. From 1976 to 1988 he was president of Noble Agri-Traders Corporation, Ligonier.

Mr. Longardner

In "retirement" Longardner served as mayor of Ligonier from 1992 through 1996, president of the Ligonier Plan Commission, and as Ligonier City Council member for four terms.

Longardner lived his life by the motto, "Service is the rent you pay for living." He was involved in many church and civic activities. While living in Goshen, he was involved in Boy Scouts of America, serving as scoutmaster of Troop 24. He was a member of The Order of the Arrow and received their highest honor, The Silver Beaver Award. While a member of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Goshen, he taught Sunday school, served as deacon and co-chaired the building of the church's educational wing. Longardner served on both Elkhart County and Noble County Fair boards. After moving to Ligonier from Goshen in 1977, Longardner became active in Noble County. He was a 20+ year member of Ligonier Lions Club. He served on the Strawberry Valley Days Festival board and continued, until recently, on the Marshmallow Festival committee, as the treasurer and coordinator for venders. A member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, he served as financial secretary and in additional capacities.

Longardner was instrumental in organizing a board for Ruth Stultz Nursery School and later served as board president. He served on the Ligonier Chamber of Commerce, including a term as president. In 1999, he was the recipient of Ligonier's Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award. Most recently Longardner was honored by the Noble County Community Foundation as a "Giver of Gifts." Longardner was profiled in the book "Apple Pie and Enchiladas" for his controversial support, while serving as mayor, of Mexican immigrants moving to Ligonier to create a better life for themselves and their families.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Margaret. He is survived by his children Brian (Kari) Longardner of Elkhart, Susan (John) Peirce of Fort Wayne, Patti (Edward) Minnick of Goshen and Nevin (Rita) Longardner of Westerville, Ohio. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Emily Minnick, Brian Peirce, Deanna Minnick Board (Brandon), Katie Longardner, Alexandra Peirce, Allyson Longardner, and Natalie Longardner; two step-grandchildren, Robb (Carmen) Mills and Ame (Jim) Dittmann; and six step-great grandchildren, Melana, Merissa, Michaela, and Miranda Mills and Jordan and Kori Dittmann. His parents and five brothers preceded him in death.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be conducted at the Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, on Sunday, December 27 at 3 p.m. Calling is 1-3 p.m. at the church. Immediately following the service, the family will host a celebration reception in the church's fellowship hall.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Parkview Noble Foundation, or Bethel Temple Young Adult Ministry, Ligonier.

Cremation arrangements are by the Ulrey - Renner and Brazzell Funeral Homes, Ligonier.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Jacob McKee

COLUMBIA CITY — Jacob Michael McKee, 30, of 207 East Chicago Street, Columbia City, Indiana died on 12/21/2009 at 12:52 p.m. in Whitley County, Indiana. He was born on Jan. 14, 1979, in Goshen, Indiana.

Mr. McKee

Jacob's parents are Jay Michael McKee and Laura (Stickler) McKee.

He was a graduate of East Noble High School. He was a machinist. Jacob enjoyed writing, music and sports.

He is survived by his son, Dawson Haven Kreischer of Fort Wayne, IN; his mother, Laura McKee of Kendallville, IN; his father, Jay Michael McKee of Florida; four sisters, Michelle (Joe) McManama of Warsaw, IN, Megan McKee of Fort Wayne, IN, Sandra McKee of Marina, CA, and Victoria McKee of Kendallville, IN; one brother, Jerod (Amy) McKee of Avilla, IN; one aunt, Leta Perry of Columbia City, IN; two cousins, David Perry and Emily Case, both of Columbia City, IN; a companion, Dawn Warrick of Columbia City, IN.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Guy and Edith Stickler of Pierceton, IN, and his paternal grandparents, Roy and Betty Gramling of Florida.

Pastor Dr. Thomas Clothier will be conducting a memorial service to be held at First Christian Church, 110 W. W. Waits Road, Kendallville, Indiana, on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at a later date.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel — Pierceton is in charge of arrangements. The family of Jacob kindly requests that any memorials be made in behalf of his son, Dawson Haven Kreischer. These can be mailed to: Laura McKee, 611 Laramie Trace, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

Cindy Smith

AVILLA — Cindy Smith, 51, of Avilla died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009, at her home.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

James Garner Sr.

ANGOLA — James M. Garner Sr., 63, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 21, 2009 at his home.

Mr. Garner served as a mail carrier for the Angola Post Office. He was a member of Angola Christian Church.

He was born July 4, 1946, in Dowagiac, Mich., to John C. and Sally (Marshall) Garner. They preceded him in death.

He married Shirley (Morrison) Garner on June 22, 1968. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, SFC James Garner Jr. and Kelli Garner of Fort Bragg, N.C., and John D. Garner of Angola, and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Peter Garner.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Angola Christian Church. Pastor Jim Hulbert and Pastor Mike Hamm will officiate.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, which is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Brain Injury Association of America.

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Marcella Mansfield

INDIANAPOLIS — Marcella Louise Mansfield, 84, of Indianapolis died Oct. 16, 2009.

She lived in Indianapolis, but grew up in Angola, where she was born April 6, 1925.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Mansfield, and a granddaughter, Kaijah, and grandson, Chandler; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Edy Hanes, and granddaughters, Carol and Gina, and grandson, Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Kelly Goodhew; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Robert Henry; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Zana Goodhew, and father, Russell Goodhew; sisters, Donnabelle and Gloria; and brothers, John and Darrell.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

John Proctor

FREMONT — John Arthur Proctor, 69, of Fremont, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Proctor worked in in maintenance for EMF for the past five years. He served in the U.S. Air Force until 1969. He was a member of Fairview Missionary Church.

He was born July 12, 1940, in Cohoes, N.Y., to John David Proctor and Naomi Belle Smith Proctor.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie L., five nieces and one nephew.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Fairview Missionary Church. Pastor Eric Piersimoni will officiate.

Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services of Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

Evelyne Wolfe

ROME CITY — Evelyne Baker Wolfe, 86, of Rome City and Huntertown died Dec. 10, 2009 in Huntertown.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Midwest Cremation Society, 4602 Newaygo Road, Fort Wayne.

Matthew Terry

April 16, 1985 to
December 24, 2001

We thought of you today, but that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday and will tomorrow, too.
We think of you in silence, and make no outward show. For what it meant to lose you, only those who LOVE you know.
Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday. It's the heartache of losing you that will never go away.

We love and miss you
Love, Mom and Don

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Cindy Smith

AVILLA — Cindy Smith, age 51, of Avilla died on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at her home.

Mrs. Smith was born in Grand Haven, Michigan on May 26, 1958 to Norman and Delores (Vander Molen) Teeter. Her mother survives her in Michigan.

Mrs. Smith

She graduated from Fruitport High School in Fruitport, Michigan in 1976.

She married Don Smith on November 1, 1985 in Spring Lake, Michigan.

Mrs. Smith worked as an insurance agent at the Hefty Insurance Agency in Auburn from 1986 to 1988. She then went to work for an insurance company in Fort Wayne that changed ownership three different times during the 15 years that she worked there until 2005. Those names were K&K Insurance, Lincoln National and AON Insurance. Mrs. Smith then went to work for Miller's Health Systems in Columbia City until 2008 as a restorative therapist.

She and Don were both avid boaters and water enthusiasts. They liked to spend time on Grand Haven Harbor and Lake Michigan. Cindy enjoyed walking and was known as the Avilla walker. She loved to be with her family and friends and will be remembered for her sense of humor.

Survivors include: mother, Delores Teeter of Muskegon, Michigan; husband, Don Smith of Avilla; one son, Christopher Stevens of Corunna; one step-daughter, Jennifer Smith of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Taygen Stevens of Corunna and Luca Stevens of Corunna; three step-grandchildren, Corey Watson of LaGrange, Michael Fugate of Shipshawana and Talona Fugate of Rome City; two brothers, David and Tracey Teeter of Missouri and Michael and Kim Teeter of Michigan; mother-in-law; Betty Smith of Kendallville; brother-in-law; Tim Smith of Kendallville; aunt and uncle, Thomas and Jan Peet of Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her father and one sister, Diane Teeter.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 29, 2009, from noon to 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Percy Young of the First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Tuesday, December 29, 2009 or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville.

Moses Gingerich

GOSHEN — Moses Gingerich, 91, of Goshen, died Thursday, December 24, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Fairhaven Amish-Mennonite Church, with the Bishop Wilbur Yoder and the Rev. Dan B. Miller officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Doris Brehm

FORT WAYNE — Doris Lorraine (Bonebrake) Brehm, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009.

A memorial service will be Monday at 2 p.m., with visitation at 1 p.m., at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to local food pantries.

Connie Nelson

FREMONT — Connie Mae Nelson, 45, of Fremont, died Thursday, December 24, 2009, in her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home.

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Marie Roudebush

FORT WAYNE — Marie Roudebush, 89, of Fort Wayne, died Friday Dec. 25, 2009 at her home.

She was born on July 25, 1920, in Anderson, to Edgar and Catherine (Boze) Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Earl Roudebush, daughters, Carolyn S. Kleinschmidt, Anita L. (Norm) Brooks; sons, Stephen D. Roudebush, and David E. and Karen Roudebush, sister Edna Finch, nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren, and special friends, Terry and Gene MacPherson, Ronald Kleinschmidt, Lucille Colley, and Ernie and Marie Munson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Anna Marie, and nine brothers and sisters.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mary's Ave., with visitation one hour prior at the church.

Visitation is also 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. Burial at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church or Heartland hospice.

Darold Comment

AUBURN — Darold E. Comment, 89, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn. A full obituary will appear in the Monday edition.

Glen Ott

Mr. Ott

CHURUBUSCO — Glen D. Ott, 82, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 7:57 p. m. on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness. He had been taken to the hospital on Tuesday from the North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Ott was born on Aug. 6, 1927, in Eel River Township in Allen County, a son of Thomas Lawrence and Laura Pearl (Fisher) Ott, and spent his formative years on the family farm there. He graduated from Huntertown High School, and was engaged in farming there until 1980 when he sold the farm to his son and moved to Churubusco. He retired in 1987 as a machinist and fork lift operator for Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne after 38 years.

He was a member of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Churubusco. In his leisure time he enjoyed Angus cattle, fishing and spending time at the lake in the summer, wintering in Lakeland, Fla., and most especially loved and enjoyed his wife and family.

On May 28, 1948, he was married at Wolf Lake to Phyllis G. Bender. She preceded him in death on Aug. 30, 2009.

The surviving relatives include his children, Judy (Roy) Langdon of Sheridan, Larry (Christina) Ott of Albion, and Jerry A. (Pamela) Ott of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by a sister Jessie Dice Johnson; and by four brothers Everett Ott, Herman Ott, Russell Ott, and Howard Ott.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Monday from 3-8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service Tuesday morning.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be directed to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 13733 Wesley Chapel Rd., Churubusco, IN 46723

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Ott's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Jeffrey Foltz

AVILLA — Jeffrey Lynn Foltz, of Avilla died on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne after being a patient there for one week.

Jeff was born on Aug. 8, 1958 in Auburn to Ernest L. and Betty L. (Boyce) Foltz.

He lived in Avilla for the last 20 years. He was a Certified Master Technician for over 35 years and had been employed by Strawser Brothers Construction in Kendallville, prior to that he worked 10 years at Lincolnway Motors in Ligonier. He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post No. 240. He also attended Hamilton High School.

Jeff proudly served his country in the Army from November 1976 to January 1979, during his service time he served in Korea.

He is survived by his mother, Betty L. (Boyer) Foltz of Garrett; one son, Jason L. Foltz of Round Rock, Texas; one granddaughter, Liberty Foltz; one sister, Sandra Fowler of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Gregg Foltz of Avilla and Robert Keirns of Fort Wayne.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ernest L. Foltz in 1989 and one sister Nancy Barnett.

Funeral Services will be on Tuesday at 11 a.m at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. Burial will follow at the Hooper King Cemetery near Avilla. The Avilla American Legion Post No. 240 will conduct a military graveside service.

Visitation will be on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to M.D.A. or the Indiana A.L.S.

To view the obituary on line or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Leslie Sorg

ANGOLA - Leslie Joseph "Les" Sorg, 98, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating.

Calling will be one hour before service at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Donald Myers

HOWE — Donald F. Myers, 63, of Howe, died unexpectedly, on Dec. 24, 2009, at his residence.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1946 in Chicago, to Harry T. and Ruth B. (Feick) Myers. They preceded him in death.

He retired from Cigna Insurance Company as an information technologist. He spent many summers at North Twin Lake in Howe and came here to live during his retirement. He was also a United States Marine Veteran.

He married Suzanne Potts on July 8, 1978, in Eureka, Ill. She survives in Howe.

In accordance to his wishes cremation has taken place and there will be no services at this time.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Harold Peck

LIGONIER — Harper F. Peck died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier, at 1:25 p.m.

Arrangements are currently pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at ww.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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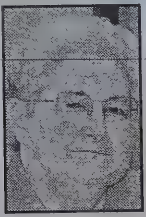
Ruth Stucky

TURKEY LAKE — Ruth M. Stucky, 79, of Turkey Lake got called home by God on Dec. 26, 2009, to join her beloved husband John Stucky.

She was a homemaker and a grandmother to many and all. She started coming to Turkey Lake from Fort Wayne in 1965. She and husband later retired to the lake.


Mrs. Stucky

She was born on June 14, 1930 in Kalamazoo, Mich., to James and Ruth (Peterson) Roebuck.

She married John D. Stucky on June 12, 1948, in Pleasant Mills.

Surviving is a daughter, Metta Hike of Fort Wayne, a son and daughter-in-law, James and Rebecca Stucky of Austell, Ga., four grandchildren, Julie Blackburn, John Stucky, Melissa Martin and Jeremy Stucky, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, two sisters, Betty Lamb of Milo, Iowa, and Roberta Cook of Kalamazoo, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a husband, John Stucky on Oct. 24, 2006, a sister, Sandy Henderson and a daughter, Ruth Redding on Dec. 28, 2002.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Furip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will take place in rural LaGrange at Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Online condolence may be submitted to the family at www.furipmayfuneralhome.com

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Ioma Jones

CORUNNA — Ioma Ruth Jones, 70, of Corunna, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at her Corunna home.

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones was born in Floyd County, Ky. on Oct. 11, 1939 to the late William M. and Margrett (Bailey) Ousley.

She married Alonzo Jones on July 2, 1955 in Floyd County, Ky.

Mrs. Jones worked over time at the Flexible Rubber Products in Garrett, King Sealy and No-Sag Products of Kendallville.

She loved to be outside doing a variety of things like gardening, growing flowers, bird watching, fishing and camping. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting and canning food from her garden. Most of all she liked spending time with grandchildren and family.

Survivors include her husband, Alonzo Jones of Corunna; three daughters and sons-in-law, Diann and Delane Scott of Ashley, Gena and Bill Dean of Longs, S.C., and Robin and Shawn Goodell of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two brothers; three sisters; and two sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Leo David Jones, who passed away Sept. 30, 2001; one brother and two sisters.

Visitation will be Tuesday, from 4-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or the American Cancer Association.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Phyllis Barnhart

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis Barnhart passed away on Christmas morning. She was 81 years of age.

Mrs. Barnhart

Mrs. Barnhart was born Phyllis Jean Crance, the daughter of Ethel and Eugene Crance, in Fort Wayne on May 17, 1928. She was raised in Churubusco, and graduated from Churubusco High School. She worked as a bookkeeper at Fort Wayne National Bank prior to her marriage to Max E. Barnhart on May 2, 1952. The couple lived their early married years in Columbus, Ohio, Fort Wayne, and Churubusco. In 1956 they moved to Kendallville and purchased the Barnhart Rexall Pharmacy on Main Street. The couple raised their three children, Suzanne, Kathleen, and Max II in their home on N. State Street.

Max Barnhart died at age 45 in November 1973. Mrs. Barnhart continued to raise her children in Kendallville. Her children are graduates of East Noble High School and Purdue University. Her children, their spouses, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter are deeply grateful for her loving devotion and personal sacrifices on their behalf. Phyllis worked for several years in Chronister's Gift Shop, The Jean Shop, and Chronister's Pharmacy. Mrs. Barnhart was a devoted mother and grandmother. She enjoyed visiting her married children as they moved through Michigan, California, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. She loved her grandchildren and actively participated in their lives, always present for the big and small milestones. She traveled throughout the US, and toured Europe in 2008. She was an avid reader of history, mystery, and fiction.

She is survived by her brother Wayne Crance of Churubusco; her 2 daughters and her son - Suzanne (Daniel) Wible of Doylestown, Penn., Kathleen (Patrick) Shanahan of Howell, Mich., and Max Barnhart II (Teressa) of Muncie; grandchildren Adam Wible of London, Emily Wible of Philadelphia, Caitlin and Kelli Shanahan of Howell, Mich., Chantel Plencner and Jared Barnhart of Muncie; and a great-granddaughter Ella Plencner of Muncie and several nieces and nephews.

Her children and grandchildren will receive friends and family from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home at 403 S. Main in Kendallville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be directed to American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or the American Diabetes Association.

Eugene Wert

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene C. Wert, 80, of Kendallville died on Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville.

He was born in Kendallville on March 6, 1929 to the late Lester and Geraldine (Forbes) Wert.

Mr. Wert was a newspaper carrier for the Journal Gazette Newspaper for many years in the Kendallville area.

He was a member of the Church of Christ in Kendallville.

Survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Donald Zeedyk of Kendallville; two nieces; and five cousins

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Visitation will be Monday, from 10:30-11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Funeral Services will be Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Send condolences to the family at

www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Charles Dennison

Auburn - Charles E. "Chuck" Dennison, 69, of Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at his home.

There will be no calling or services at this time.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Anna Eberly

WATERLOO — Anna Lee Eberly, 80, of Waterloo died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Eberly was the owner and operator of the General Store in Waterloo for several years. She was also a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 19, 1929, in Waterloo to Delford Austin and Mary Ellen (Prall) Wing.

She married Mac E. Eberly on Aug. 20, 1947, in Waterloo. He preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Chris Eberly of Waterloo, and Kim and Vicki Eberly of Waterloo; one daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Brian Albright of Hamilton; two granddaughters, Cara Cahill and Chelsea Koehl; five great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rodney and Lucy Wing, and William and Maxine Wing; and a daughter-in-law, Verlinda Eberly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Philip "Butch" Eberly; and 12 brothers and sisters.

There will be no calling or services at this time.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

James Zehr

KENDALLVILLE — James L. Zehr, 65, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Born in Hicksville, Ohio, James worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator with Kurtz Excavating for 10 years. He enjoyed fishing, spending time with his family, liked to farm and was an avid IU and Bears fan.

Survivors include his wife, Susie Zehr and daughter Jennifer Sue Zehr both of Kendallville; son James and Amy Zehr of Kendallville; granddaughter Ashley Zehr and grandsons Bailey and Brody Zehr; mother Mable Zehr of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Gerald (Ann) Zehr and Archie (Connie) Zehr, both of Fort Wayne and Lynn (Amy) Zehr of Huntertown and sister-in-law Carole Zehr of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by father Michael Zehr, brother Michael Zehr and sister Joyce Bowen.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with Rev. Verlin Haarer officiating.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial in Riverview Cemetery.

Memorials to the family of James care of Susie Zehr.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Longardner's lifetime of service remembered

Former Ligonier mayor, civic leader, eulogized by many

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LIGONIER — Glenn Longardner was memorialized Sunday afternoon in a service designed by his family. He was remembered as a father, grandfather, city leader, spiritual person and above all a man who gave of himself through his service to others.

Longardner passed away last Tuesday in Fort Wayne at the home of his daughter, Susie Peirce, where he had stayed for the past four weeks.

Opening the service at Ligonier United Methodist Church were his grandchildren Alex Peirce, Natalie Longardner, Katie Longardner, Emily Minnick, Allyson Longardner, who all read from the Bible, and Brian Peirce who read a poem by Kalidasa. Another granddaughter, Deanna Minnick Board, offered a piano prelude prior to the service. Family remarks were made by Longardner's son-in-law, John Peirce.

He spoke of Longardner's personal philosophy of "always giving a fair days work for a fair day's pay." Peirce also talked about his father-in-law's dedication to service through is terms as Ligonier mayor and Ligonier City Councilman. "There were projects he was very proud of," added Peirce. "One was the development of a city landfill. He wasn't one to 'say open a landfill.' He was there to help you empty out the back of your pickup."

Longardner was also remembered for his love of a good joke and for his willingness to share a good story.

As his health failed, Peirce said, Longardner was unable to speak much. "One day, he motioned to me and I leaned in close and he simply said 'thank you' to me. It was the deepest and most heartfelt thank you I'd ever received," Peirce told the mourners. "And now I say that to you — Thank you for all you were to Glenn, all that you were in his life and for being here today to help us celebrate his life."

Rev. Jean Ness, of the Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiated the memorial.

She recalled Longardner as a "great man" and went on to describe several factors that made him great — such as his connection to his family, his spiritual life, his dedication to his work, his commitment to his community, his unending service to others and more.

Ness reflected on Longardner's time as mayor saying, "He did so much to unify Ligonier. I'm so glad he began the force in Ligonier for the treatment of all people as one. Glenn Longardner was the pioneer who did that. His tenure (as mayor) may have been short but his impact was great."

Ness then introduced the next speaker Dave Hunter,

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Glenn Longardner

Chief Operating Officer of Parkview Noble Hospital, of which Glenn was a member of the Board of Directors for seven years.

Hunter said of Longardner's work on the hospital board, "some people serve a board and put in their time. Glenn put in his heart." Hunter also talked about Longardner's service as chairman of the planning committee that designed and developed the new hospital and how proud Longardner was of the new facility.

"I would like to say thank you to Glenn for giving his time and talents. We are a better hospital because of his service. And thank you to Glenn's family for inviting me here today to represent so many at the hospital who truly felt Glenn was a part of our family there too."

Longtime friend Kenny Simmons also shared his memories of dealing with Longardner when needing farm implement parts to his church relationship with Glenn and his late-wife Margaret. Simmons also served on the fair board with Glenn and shared experiences from that phase in their lives. "It was a pleasure knowing him and doing business with him," he concluded.

Harlan Hite also shared his memories of Longardner, and talked about going with his father to Longardner's John Deere implement business when he was a child. "I remember one time when I was in the store waiting on my dad to get a part and I climbed up on a tractor," Hite described. "Glenn climbed up there with me and started it up and took me for a ride. He was a good man."

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Harper Peck

CROMWELL — Harper F. "Fred" Peck, 81, of Cromwell died Saturday, December 26, 2009, at 1:25 p.m. at Avalon Village in Ligonier

Mr. Peck

He was born December 29, 1927, in Pennsylvania to Robley Peck and Alverta (Scouten) Earnhart. On October 15, 1976, in Syracuse, he married Darlene Rogers, who survives.

He retired as a maintenance supervisor from Essex in Columbia City. Prior to his retirement he had worked as a tool and die maker and also as a plant supervisor.

On December 7, 1944, at the age of 17, he joined the Merchant Marines. He later served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1950-52. During his time of service he traveled through 30 countries. He was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ, American Legion in Ligonier Post 243 and the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club. He was also a member for over 50 years of the Free & Accepted Masons, currently belonged to the Cromwell Lodge 705.

Surviving are his wife, Darlene Peck of Cromwell; two sons, Harper K. (Martie) Peck of Wauseon, Ohio, and Breen L. (Jasy) Peck of Manassas, Va.; one daughter, Dianna (Gary) Selvey of Albany, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Stephanie K. Horan and Karen L. (Colby) Denman of Cromwell; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert Peck; and his stepfather, Orris Earnhart.

Services will be Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Curryanne Hostetler of Sparta United Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Military honors will be conducted at the graveside.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 29, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be December 29, 2009, at 8 p.m. following the visitation.

Memorials are to Sparta United Church of Christ, 2584 N. U.S. 33, Kimmell, IN 46760, or Smile Train, 28th Floor, 41 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Roger Harrod

FORT WAYNE — Roger Harrod, 79, passed away Friday, December 25, 2009, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Avilla, Lawrence was a toy designer most recently with Peg Perego before retiring. He was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church and the Avilla American Legion Post. He was also an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Virginia "Ginny" Harrod of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Ginger (Douglas A.) McComb of Fort Wayne; a son, Michael (Katherine) Harrod of Avilla, Ind.; a stepgrandson, Michael (Karen) Hoover; three grandsons, Mark McComb, Adam McComb and Jim Harrod; and two cousins, Anne Fullhart of Uniondale and Sue (Ray) Rushau of Kokomo.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence W. and Noble Harrod.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16115 Lima Road, with the Rev. Greg Hiatt officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to service and Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Huntertown United Methodist Church.

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Dolores Putnam

COLDWATER, Mich. — Dolores Dee (Jordan) Putnam, 80, of Lake George, Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Dec. 26, 2009, at home.

Mrs. Putnam

She was born Dec. 4, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Edna (Castle) Jordan. She married Richard Henry Putnam on Nov. 29, 1952, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Sept. 27, 2004.

Mrs. Putnam was a homemaker. She was a 1947 graduate of Fort Wayne Catholic High School. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, Ind., the Rosary Sodality and was a Eucharistic minister. She enjoyed reading books, playing computer card games. She and her husband were past publishers of "The Breeze," Lake George's summer monthly news.

Surviving are three sons, Bob E. Putnam of Cherry Valley, Ill., Brett J. and Susan Putnam of Plainfield, Ill., and Bart J. and Julie Putnam of Lake George; and nine grandchildren, Jessi and husband Ben, Steven, Christopher, Jonathon, Sara, Pamela, Hannah, Rich, and Thaddeus and wife Sarah.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Richard Henry Putnam; one son, Bill Putnam in 1997; an infant daughter, Brenda Jayne in 1956; and her parents.

Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at St. Anthony Of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. The funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Officiating will be Father Fred Pasche. Burial will be at the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with 2:30 p.m. Wednesday graveside committal services.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children Research Department; St. Jude's Children Hospital, St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn.; CHC Branch County Home Hospice; or to Masses.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com .Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, Ind.

Darold Comment

AUBURN — Darold E. Comment, 89, of Auburn died Saturday, December 26, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He worked for Falstaff Brewery in Fort Wayne for over 30 years, retiring in 1982. He was also a DeKalb County and Allen County Farmer.

He attended the St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn; Eagles lodge 3164 of New Haven; and the Catholic Men's Fellowship Club.

He was born January 25, 1920, in Allen County, Indiana to Emile and Florence (Banet) Comment.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Monica and Jack Cook of Auburn, Martha and Brad Grimm of Auburn, Janine and Barry Bender of Auburn, and Pam and Steve Koch of Leo; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Tanna Comment of Waterloo, Jon Comment of Butler, and James and Bobbie Comment of St. Joe; 22 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Lavon Sheehan, Glenola Witzigreuter and Angeline Frane; one brother, Noble Comment Sr.; one grandson, Jason Comment; and a granddaughter, Tina Marie Cook.

Service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Russ Howard officiating. Burial will be in St. Louis Besancon Cemetery in New Haven.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the National Kidney Foundation.

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Neil Petcoff

GARRETT — Neil J. Petcoff, 80 of Garrett, died on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009 at 12:20 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

He was born Nov. 17, 1929 in Toledo, Ohio to George and Jeanette Petcoff.

Neil served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Following his military enlistment he worked on the C&O Railroad for 16 years. He then became involved in sales for 20 years and then was self-employed building log homes until his retirement.

He married Jackie S. Johnson on Nov. 23, 1985 in Fort Wayne.

Neil had a passion for cooking and loved to entertain people. He especially loved children. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles and Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie S. Petcoff of Garrett; his daughter, Terese Petcoff of Garrett; his son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Deanna Petcoff of Auburn, and daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Gary Noel of Toledo, Ohio. He is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George Petcoff; and a sister, Jeanette Matthews.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009 from 2-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home. The funeral will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A military graveside service will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Willows Cemetery in Oregon, Ohio.

Memorials are to Angel Corps or a college education fund for Terese Petcoff, in care of Jackie Petcoff.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to thomasfuneralhome.org

Thelma Wheeler

ANGOLA — Thelma Louise Wheeler, 78, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

She was born Sept. 15, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Lewis and Matilda (Hudson) Herendeen. She married Richard Wheeler on Dec. 5, 1969. He survives in Angola.

She was a hostess at the Bright Angels Lodge at the Grand Canyon. She retired as the cashier from General Products in Angola in 1985.

She was a member of Calvary Chapel in Stroh, the Homemakers Home Economics Club and the Women of the Moose, Angola.

She is also survived by two sons, Dennis Preston and Donald Preston both of Paintsville, Ky.; a brother Walter Herendeen of Auburn; six grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Joe Preston and Wendell Henke; two sisters, Helen Niccum and Bessie Thompson; and a brother, Robert Herendeen.

Services will be ay 11 a.m. Wednesday, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Gary Rifenburg officiating.

Calling will be held 6-8 pm Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to Steuben County's Well Child Clinic.

Ruth Voltz

LAGRANGE — Ruth E. Voltz, 94, of LaGrange, died Sunday, December 27, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Prairie Grove Cemetery, 6200 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling hours prior to the graveside services.

Memorials are to the Gideons.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Kathryn Winans

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn C. Winans, 75, of Kendallville and formerly of Garrett, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Ms. Winans

She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

She was born Nov. 27, 1934, in Mishawaka to Charles and Clara (Spencer) Roebuck.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles and Melody Winans of Fremont and Christopher Winans of Tampa, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elise and Frank Caprino of Auburn, Renee and Jacob Snook of Ashley and Aimee Winans of Port Orange, Fla.; two sisters, Jean Wawrzyniak of Nashville, Ind., and Joann Slott of South Bend; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, George and William Roebuck; a sister, Mary Ellen McNerny; and a granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with calling one hour prior to Mass at the church. Father Andrew Nazareth will officiate. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Additional calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or Friends of the Noble County Library.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Connie Nelson

FREMONT — Connie Mae (Cummings) Nelson, 45, of Fremont died Thursday, December 24, 2009, at her Fremont home.

Ms. Nelson

Connie had lived most of her life in Fremont. She had been employed for 12 years in the cafeteria at Fremont Middle School. She also worked as custodian at the Fremont Post Office for nine years, while also working at the cafeteria.

She will be remembered for always helping her family and friends and always keeping her family and friends a constant part of her life.

Connie enjoyed riding her scooter, doing crafts, plastic canvas stitching, sewing, drinking Pepsi, smoking Marlboro cigarettes, talking on her cell phone and listening to country music.

She loved her grandchildren and family and friends.

She was born October 7, 1964, in Angola, Indiana, to William A. and Connie Mae (Finelle) Cummings. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her good friends and caregivers, the Phyllis and Craig Fisher family of Fremont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Robbie Watson of Angola and Kylah and Dustin Yoder of Elkhart; three grandchildren, Larissa Watson, Jordynn Watson and Ayden Yoder; two sisters, Nellie Rowe of Angola and Louella Parrish of Angola; and four brothers, George Cummings of Fort Wayne, William A. Cummings of Angola, Jesse Cummings of Angola and John Cummings of Auburn.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Healthcare and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Bettie Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Bettie I. Smith, 93, of Kendallville died peacefully Monday, December 28, 2009, at 5 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Smith was a 1935 graduate of Kendallville High School. She was a 1939 graduate of Ball State Teachers College, now Ball State University, where she double majored in physical education and social science, and minored in biology. She returned to Kendallville High School in 1957 to teach health and physical education. While at East Noble High School, Bettie sponsored both the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) and the cheerleading squads. Bettie taught health and physical education for 20 years, retiring in 1972.

Mrs. Smith

She was a member of Kappa Kappa social sorority, Indiana Teachers' Association, American Association of University Women, and Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary teacher sorority.

Always involved in community life, Bettie led a Girl Scout troop; was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and the Esther Circle in Kendallville; a 66-year member of Noble Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Quest Study Club; and Sigma Beta Sorority.

She was born November 5, 1916, to Lakie and Maude (Wilson) Kizer in Kendallville. On July 16, 1940, she married her college sweetheart, Cecil C. Smith of Portland at the High Street Methodist Church, Muncie. They moved to Kendallville in 1942. Cecil, a former teacher and certified public accountant, preceded her in death on February 27, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra (Smith) Fields of Lostine, Oregon; a brother-in-law, Howard Seidel of Kendallville; three sisters-in-law, Elaine Kizer of Garrett, Eveline Smith of Berne and Mildred Smith of Portland; and numerous nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ariel and Thomas Kizer; and two sisters, Dessie "Sue" Henney and Scottie Seidel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Phillip Croy

GARRETT — Philip M. Croy, 68 of Garrett, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2009, at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Walchle

ANGOLA — Patricia A. (Girod) Walchle, 68, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Collette Wallace

DE LEON SPRINGS, Fla. — Collette Jean Wallace, 81, of De Leon Springs died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at her home in De Leon Springs.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 207 W. 4th St., Ligonier, Ind.

Betty Diehm

AVILLA — Betty E. Diehm, 85, of Avilla, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will follow at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery near Avilla.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St. Avilla, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

To view the obituary or sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Philip Croy

GARRETT — Philip M. Croy, 68, of Garrett died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Croy was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam.

He was a member of the Garrett American Legion.

He was born Sept. 26, 1941, in Auburn to Marley H. and Ruth V. (Goe) Croy.

He is survived by a daughter, Tamara Croy; one sister, Shirley Patton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Martha Vogtman, Ruth Joanna Mayse, Margaret Eunice Marti and Phyllis Freeman; and one brother, William Mark Croy.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 30, in the Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Janet Halsey

GARRETT — Janet E. Halsey, 62, of rural Garrett died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at her home.

Ms. Halsey

Ms. Halsey was employed by Cooper Standard Automotive in Auburn for 38 years.

She grew up in the LaOtto area and graduated in 1965 from Avilla High School.

She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Garrett.

She was born June 26, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Chester C. and Lois J. (Hull) DeLong. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her four children, Penny Adams of Garrett, Darryl Albright of Auburn, Scott and Joni Albright of Auburn, and Jessica Albright of Garrett; three sisters, Karen Geiger of Churubusco, Connie DeLong of Fort Wayne and Cindy Cochran of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Larry Hull of Texas and Jack and Barbara DeLong of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Louise Kubek

LAGRANGE — Louise C. Kubek, 103, of LaGrange died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

According to her wishes cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Donald Harmes

WATERLOO — Donald "Max" Harmes, 80, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at his home in Waterloo.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Jack Bowen

ROCKFORD, Ohio — Jack K. Bowen, 78, of Rockford died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling will be one hour prior to services on Saturday.

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Betty Diehm

AVILLA — Betty E. Diehm, 85 of Avilla died on Monday, December 28, 2009, at the Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Diehm was born on July 28, 1924, in Newago, Michigan, to the late Willard and Susuanna (Fischer) Moore. On April 8, 1944, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, she married Eldon Diehm, and he preceded her in death on December 4, 2002.

Betty was a homemaker and was very family oriented.

She enjoyed visiting with the residents at Heritage Park Nursing Home, playing bingo and cards, especially euchre.

Mrs. Diehm

She is survived by two daughters and two sons-in-law, Beverly and Phil Hudson of Fort Wayne and Marilyn and Richard Parker of Huntertown; four grandchildren, Melissa and Manuel Perez, Michelle Corner, Matthew Parker and Kent and Amy Parker; and eight great-grandchildren, Gage and Gabrielle Corner, Benjamin and Isabel Perez, Madison, Logan, Colin and Regan Parker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Robert and John Moore; four sisters, Beulah Chaney, Mary Wright, Carol Prickett and Evelyn Knight.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 31, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. The Rev. Thomas Dunbar will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery near Avilla.

Pallbearers will be Eric Orcutt, Matthew Parker, Kent Parker, Manuel Perez, Ben Perez and Greg Corner.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, December 30, 2009, from 4-7 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. There will also be an additional one hour of calling prior to the funeral at the church on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

To view the obituary on line or to sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Billy Joe Myers

COLUMBIA CITY — Billy Joe Myers, 77, of Ormas died Monday, Dec, 28, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Melvin Cory

LIGONIER — Melvin Richard Cory, 91, of Ligonier died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at his residence in Ligonier.

Mr. Cory was employed for several years with the United States Postal Service.

He was a decorated veteran of World War II.

He was born on March 3, 1918, in Roundup, Montana, to Joseph and Addis (Black) Cory.

Surviving are a son, Randall and Vickie Cory of Winona Lake; a stepson, Andrew Finnigan of Westfield, Ind.; a stepgranddaughter; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, La Vonne in 2003; and brother, Ralph Cory.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. West Noble American Legion Post 243 will conduct military graveside services.

The Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Bailey

BLUE LAKE — Joseph F. Bailey, 92, a resident of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died at 5:09 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Terry L. Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Saturday one hour prior to the service.

Jacqueline Leeka

LAGRANGE — Jacqueline K. Leeka, 79, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services are pending at Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, in Muncie.

Marie Nolan

GARRETT — Marie Nolan, 78, of Garrett died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Norma Bergdall

FORT WAYNE — Norma K. Bergdall, 50, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Rudolph Gerke

KENDALLVILLE — Rudolph "Bud" Gerke, 82, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Jeffrey Lynn Foltz, 51

AVILLA – Jeffrey Lynn Foltz, of Avilla died on Wednesday, December 23rd, 2009 at 10:17 p.m. at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne after being a patient there for one week.

Jeff was born on August 8, 1958 in Auburn to Ernest L. and Betty L. (Boyce) Foltz. He has lived in Avilla for the last 20 years. He was a Certified Master Technician for over 35 years and had been employed by Strawser Brothers Construction in Kendallville, prior to that he worked 10 years at Lincolnway Motors in Ligonier. He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post # 240. He also attended Hamilton High School.

Jeff proudly served his country in the United States Army from November 1976 to January 1979, during his service time he served in Korea. He is survived by his mother, Betty L. (Boyer) Foltz of Garrett; one son, Jason L. Foltz of Round Rock, Texas; one granddaughter, Liberty Foltz; one sister, Sandra Fowler of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Gregg Foltz of Avilla and Robert Keirns of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest L. Foltz in 1989 and one sister Nancy Barnett.

Funeral Services were on December 29, 2009 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. Burial followed at the Hooper King Cemetery near Avilla. The Avilla American Legion Post # 240 conducted a military graveside service.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to M.D.A. or the Indiana A.L.S.

To view the obituary on line or to sign the online guest register book, visitwww.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Ellen Metzger, 73

KENDALLVILLE – Nancy Ellen Metzger, age 73, of Kendallville, died peacefully on Monday, December 21, 2009 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Metzger was born in Kendallville on September 22, 1936 to the late Norman and Edna (Williamson) Wert.

She married Bill Metzger on December 18, 1954 in Kendallville.

She was retired from LDM Technologies in Kendallville as a press operator after many years of employment.

Nancy was proud that at the age of 40, she earned her General Education Diploma.

Her favorite pastime hobbies included making wedding cakes, reading, making crafts and spoiling her grandchildren. Nancy will always be remembered for making the best sugar cookies around!

Survivors include: Husband of 55 years, Bill Metzger of Kendallville; two sons, Barry (Kim) Metzger of Albion and Darin (Alva) Metzger of Kendallville; daughter, Cara Fender of Springfield, Tennessee; eight grandchildren and spouses: Brandy (Jim) Mack of Waterloo; Courtney (Jeff) Thorp of Auburn; Josh (Christine) Weible of Avilla; Zach (Priscilla) Fender of Waterloo; Laci (Duane) Days of Auburn; Megan Metzger and Dustin Ewell of Albion; and Ashley and Chelsey Metzger of Kendallville; seventeen great-grandchildren and two expected soon; three brothers, Walt (JoAnn) Wert of Kendallville, Ray Wert of Michigan City, and Ben (Susan) Wert of Kendallville; three sisters, Norma (Bob) Wicker of Kendallville, Jo Bell of Albion, Susie (Bill) Wallen of Avilla; half brother, Junior Wert of Goshen.

Nancy was also preceded in death by her grandson, Chad Metzger in 1980; her brother, Dale Wert; and a half sister, Iantha Wooten.

Services were December 24, 2009, at Hite Funeral Home. Rev. Omer Nisley from the Brimfield United Methodist Church officiated the service. Burial took place at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers were Zach Fender, Josh Weible, Jeff Thorp, Duane Days, John Wicker, Jim Mack, Darrin Perkins and Jason Wert. Honorary bearer was Brandy Mack.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by: Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

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Cindy Smith, 51

AVILLA – Cindy Smith, age 51, of Avilla died on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at her home.

Mrs. Smith was born in Grand Haven, Michigan on May 26, 1958 to Norman and Delores (Vander Molen) Teeter. Her mother survives her in Michigan.

She graduated from Fruitport High School in Fruitport, Michigan in 1976.

She married Don Smith on November 1, 1985 in Spring Lake, Michigan. Mrs. Smith worked as an insurance agent at the Hefty Insurance Agency in Auburn from 1986 to 1988. She then went to work for an insurance company in Fort Wayne that changed ownership three different times during the 15 years that she worked there until 2005. Those companies were K&K Insurance, Lincoln National and AON Insurance. Mrs. Smith then went to work for Miller's Health Systems in Columbia City until 2008 as a restorative therapist.

She and Don were both avid boaters and water enthusiates. They liked to spend time on Grand Haven Harbor and Lake Michigan. Cindy enjoyed walking and was known as the Avilla walker. She loved to be with her family and friends and will be remembered for her sense of humor.

Survivors include: mother, Delores Teeter of Muskegon, Michigan; husband, Don Smith of Avilla; son, Christopher Stevens of Corunna; step-daughter, Jennifer Smith of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Taygen Stevens and Luca Stevens both of Corunna; three step-grandchildren, Corey Watson of LaGrange, Michael Fugate of Shipshawana, and Talona Fugate of Rome City; two brothers, David (Tracey) Teeter of Missouri and Michael (Kim) Teeter of Michigan; her mother-in-law, Betty Smith of Kendallville; brother-in-law, Tim Smith of Kendallville; Aunt and Uncle, Thomas and Jan Peet of Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her father and her sister, Diane Teeter.

Funeral Services were December 29, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Percy Young of the First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Tuesday, December 29, 2009 or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by: Hite Funeral Home.

Betty E. Diehm, 85

AVILLA – Betty E. Diehm, 85 of Avilla, died on Monday, December 28, 2009 at the Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Diehm was born on July 28, 1924 in Newago, Michigan to the late Willard and Susuanna (Fischer) Moore. On April 8, 1944 at the Immanual Lutheran Church in Avilla, she married Eldon Diehm, he preceded her in death on December 4, 2002.

Betty was a homemaker and was very family oriented. She enjoyed visiting with the residents at Heritage Park Nursing Home, playing bingo and cards, especially euchre.

She is survived by two daughters, Beverly (Phil) Hudson of Fort Wayne and Marilyn (Richard) Parker of Huntertown; four grandchildren, Melissa and Manuel Perez, Michelle Corner; Matthew Parker, and Kent (Amy) Parker; eight great-grandchildren, Gage and Gabrielle Corner, Benjamin and Isabel Perez, Madison, Logan, Colin and Regan Parker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers Robert and John Moore; four sisters, Beulah Chaney, Mary Wright, Carol Prickett and Evelyn Knight.

Funeral Service will be on Thursday, December 31, 2009 at 11 AM at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. The Rev. Thomas Dunbar will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery near Avilla.

Pallbearers will be Eric Orcutt, Matthew Parker, Kent Parker, Manuel Perez, Ben Perez and Greg Corner.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 30, 2009 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. 530 North Main Street, Avilla, Indiana 46710.

There will also be an additional one hour of calling prior to the funeral at the church on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

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Glenn Eldridge Longardner

LIGONIER – Glenn Eldridge Longardner died on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 3:15 P.M. at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and John Peirce of Fort Wayne. Born to William and Dora (Rorick) Longardner on a farm near Woodburn, Indiana, on October 26, 1923, he graduated from Woodburn High School in 1941. He married Margaret Schaaf of Fort Wayne on August 19, 1945.

Longardner worked for 43 years for the John Deere Company, beginning his career at the John Deere warehouse in Fort Wayne. He worked as parts manager at Kauffman John Deere (Goshen, IN) and as a sales representative at John Deere dealerships in northern Indiana. From 1976 to 1988 he was president of Noble Agri-Traders Corporation, Ligonier. In "retirement" Longardner served as mayor of Ligonier from 1992 through 1996, president of the Ligonier Plan Commission, and as Ligonier City Council member for four terms. Longardner lived his life by the motto, "Service is the rent you pay for living." He was involved in many church and civic activities. While living in Goshen, he was involved in Boy Scouts of America, serving as scoutmaster of Troop 24. He was a member of The Order of the Arrow and received their highest honor, The Silver Beaver Award. While a member of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Goshen, he taught Sunday school, served as deacon and co-chaired the building of the church's educational wing. Longardner served on both Elkhart County and Noble County Fair boards. After moving to Ligonier from Goshen in 1977, Longardner became active in Noble County. He was a 20+ year member of Ligonier Lion's Club. He served on the Strawberry Valley Days Festival board and continued, until recently, on the Marshmallow Festival committee, as the treasurer and coordinator for venders. A member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, he served as financial secretary and in additional capacities.

Longardner was instrumental in organizing a board for Ruth Stultz Nursery School and later served as board president. He served on the Ligonier Chamber of Commerce, including a term as president. In 1999, he was the recipient of Ligonier's Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award. Most recently Longardner was honored by the Noble County Community Foundation as a "Giver of Gifts." Longardner was profiled in the book "Apple Pie and Enchiladas" for his controversial support, while serving as mayor, of Mexican immigrants moving to Ligonier to create a better life for themselves and their families.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Margaret. He is survived by his children Brian (Kari) Longardner of Elkhart, Susan (John) Peirce of Fort Wayne, Patti (Edward) Minnick of Goshen and Nevin (Rita) Longardner of Westerville, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Emily Minnick, Brian Peirce, Deanna Minnick Board (Brandon), Katie Longardner, Alexandra Peirce, Allyson Longardner, and Natalie Longardner; two step-grandchildren, Robb (Carmen) Mills and Ame (Jim) Dittmann; and six step-great grandchildren, Melana, Merissa, Michaela, and Miranda Mills and Jordan and Kori Dittmann. His parents and five brothers preceded him in death.

A Celebration of Life memorial service was conducted at the Ligonier United Methodist Church, on Sunday, December 27.

Immediately following the service, the family hosted a celebration reception in the church's fellowship hall. Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Parkview Noble Foundation, or Bethel Temple Young Adult Ministry, Ligonier.

Cremation arrangements are by the Ulrey - Renner and Brazzell Funeral Homes, Ligonier.

To view the obituary on line or to sign the guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Glen D. Ott , 82

CHURUBUSCO - Glen D. Ott, 82, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 7:57 p. m. on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness. He had been taken to the hospital on Tuesday from the North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Ott was born on Aug. 6, 1927 in Eel River Township in Allen County, the son of Thomas Lawrence and Laura Pearl (Fisher) Ott.

He spent his formative years on the family farm there. He graduated from Huntertown High School.

On May 28, 1948, he was married in Wolf Lake to Phyllis G. Bender. She preceded him in death on Aug. 30, 2009.

He was engaged in farming there until 1980 when he sold the farm to his son and moved to Churubusco. He retired in 1987 as a machinist and fork lift operator for Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne after 38 years.

He was a member of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Churubusco. In his leisure time he enjoyed Angus cattle, fishing and spending time at the lake in the summer, wintering in Lakeland, Florida, and most especially loved and enjoyed his wife and family.

The surviving relatives include his children Judy (Roy) Langdon of Sheridan, Larry (Christina) Ott of Albion, and Jerry A. (Pamela) Ott of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by a sister Jessie Dice Johnson; and by four brothers Everett Ott, Herman Ott, Russell Ott, and Howard Ott.

Funeral services were held December 29, 2009 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiated.

Interment took place at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be directed to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 13733 Wesley Chapel Rd., Churubusco, IN 46723

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Ott's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Jacob McKee, 30

COLUMBIA CITY — Jacob Michael McKee, 30, of 207 East Chicago Street, Columbia City, Indiana died on Dec. 21 at 12:52 p.m. in Whitley County, Indiana.

He was born on Jan. 14, 1979, in Goshen, Indiana. Jacob's parents are Jay Michael McKee and Laura (Stickler) McKee.

He was a graduate of East Noble High School. He was a machinist. Jacob enjoyed writing, music and sports.

He is survived by his son, Dawson Haven Kreischer of Fort Wayne, IN; his mother, Laura McKee of Kendallville, IN; his father, Jay Michael McKee of Florida; four sisters, Michelle (Joe) McManama of Warsaw, IN, Megan McKee of Fort Wayne, IN, Sandra McKee of Marina, CA, and Victoria McKee of Kendallville, IN; one brother, Jerod (Amy) McKee of Avilla, IN; one aunt, Leta Perry of Columbia City, IN; two cousins, David Perry and Emily Case, both of Columbia City, IN; a companion, Dawn Warrick of Columbia City, IN.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Guy and Edith Stickler of Pierceton, IN, and his paternal grandparents, Roy and Betty Gramling of Florida.

Pastor Dr. Thomas Clothier will be conducted a memorial service held December 29, 2009. Burial will be at a later date.

The family of Jacob kindly requests that any memorials be made in behalf of his son, Dawson Haven Kreischer. These can be mailed to: Laura McKee, 611 Laramie Trace, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel — Pierceton is in charge of arrangements.

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Roger Harrod, 79

FORT WAYNE — Roger Harrod, 79, passed away Friday, December 25, 2009, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Avilla, Lawrence was a toy designer most recently with Peg Perego before retiring.

He was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church and the Avilla American Legion Post. He was also an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Virginia "Ginny" Harrod of Ft. Wayne; a daughter, Ginger (Douglas A.) McComb of Ft, Wayne; a son, Michael (Katherine) Harrod of Avilla, IN; a stepgrandson, Michael (Karen) Hoover; three grandsons, Mark McComb, Adam McComb and Jim Harrod; and two cousins, Anne Fullhart of Uniondale and Sue (Ray) Rushau of Kokomo.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence W. and Noble Harrod.

The funeral took place December 30, 2009 at Huntertown United Methodist Church. Rev. Greg Hiatt officiated.

Burial took place in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Huntertown United Methodist Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Rudolph Gerke

NEW HAVEN — Rudolph “Bud’‘ Gerke, age 82, formerly of Kendallville and most recently of New Haven, died on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gerke was born in Fort Wayne on May 8, 1927, to the late Rudolph Gerke and Frances (Cozik) Gerke Woods.

Mr. Gerke

He served his country in the United States Navy and was a World War II veteran.

Bud was a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, Diplomat Branch, in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1985 after about 20 years. He also worked 10 years at Dana in Fort Wayne.

Bud was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, the American Legion Post 330 in New Haven, 40 & 8, the Kendallville Elks 1194 and the Albion Eagles.

He was also a member of the Moose Lodge and Navy Club in New Haven and the Martini Lutheran Church in New Haven.

Bud enjoyed going to his clubs and making latch string rugs.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Champion of Benton, Tennessee, and Gloria and Larry Zell of New Haven; five grandchildren, Al Mowery of Benton, Tennessee, and Cassi Scheid and Mark Kenny, Jerry Scheid, Larry and Jenny Scheid and Terry and Sara Scheid, all of New Haven; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and

five brothers, Paul Gerke of Ligonier,Richard Gerke of Dallas, Texas, Kenneth Gerke of New Haven, John Gerke of New Haven and Ronnie Woods of Payne, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by his grandson, J.D. Mowery, and two brothers, Robert and Walter Gerke.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 3, 2010, from 1-5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 4, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Matthew Kohl from the Martini Lutheran Church.

Burial, with military graveside honors, will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Military honors will be provided by members of VFW Post 2749 Honor Guard.

Casketbearers will be his grandsons.

Preferred memorials may be made to donor’s choice.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Katherine Munk

KENDALLVILLE — Katherine Munk, 85, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with burial in Lake View Cemettery.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Mid-America Windmill Museum.

Lorene Cole

ANGOLA — Lorene Nisonger Cole, 92, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Cole

Mrs. Cole had been a telephone operator and supervisor for 27 years at GTE-Verizon.

She was born Nov. 3, 1917, in Angola to Merle C. and Desa (Morrison) Nisonger.

Surviving are two daughters, Lois Watkins of Toledo, Ohio, and Glenna M. and Howard G. Beams of Fremont; five grandchildren, Valerie and Ted Bookwalter of Fremont, Risa and Kent Herber of LaGrange, Mike and Kay Beams of Fremont, Ed and Penny Girrell of Sylvania, Ohio, and Dave and Denise Girrell of Toledo, Ohio; two sisters, Waunetta Smith Brown and Donna Green, both of Angola; 12 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are the Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Norma Bergdall

FORT WAYNE — Norma K. Bergdall, 50, of Fort Wayne died Monday, December 28, 2009, in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Norma was a clerk for the Fort Wayne Post Office for the past 15 years.

She was a graduate of DeKalb High School, class of 1977.

She was born February 19, 1959, in North Liberty, Indiana.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Carole and DuWayne Stemen of Auburn; one daughter, Becky Limpach of Findlay, Ohio; three grandchildren, Alysha Deerwester, Natasha Deerwester and Levi Limpach; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Brad and Denice Middleton of Auburn and Donald and Christy Middleton of Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dale Middleton.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Ramonna Jordan

KENDALLVILLE — Ramonna A. Jordan, 57, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Jordan was a teacher for 26 years in the East Noble School Corp. She taught for 22 years at Rome City Elementary School and for four years at Avilla Elementary School. She then worked as a receptionist at RediMed in Auburn for eight years.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Manchester College and earned her Master of Science degree in elementary education from Indiana University at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jordan was a member of the Kendallville Kiwanis Club and the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

She was born Feb 5, 1952, in Garrett to Jay A. and Margaret R. (Sliger) Penland. She married Rodney A. Jordan August 16, 1974, at the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rachel M. Jordan of Kendallville and Rayanne L. Jordan of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Harry E. and Gayla Penland of Baconton, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Dwayne Grady, the Rev. Craig Burkholder and the Rev. Laura VanVoorhis Haynes officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St,, Waterloo, and one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Memorials are to Kendallville Kiwanis Club or the church.

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Jack Bowen

ROCKFORD, Ohio — Jack K. Bowen, 78, of Rockford, Ohio, and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bowen worked as a factory worker at Aero Quip in Van Wert, Ohio, and owned three restaurant/bars in his lifetime including the Pirate's Cove in Ligonier.

A graduate of Bluffton High School, he was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean War

He attended the First Christian Church.

Mr. Bowen was born in Bluffton on Sept. 22, 1931, to Lloyd and Justine (Sawyer) Bowen.

Surviving are a daughter, Pam K. Bowen of Mendon, Ohio; three sons, Scott (Barb) Bowen of Rockford, Ohio, Bruce (Darla) Bowen of Kendallville and Todd Bowen of Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Barringer and Marilyn Bowen; and four brothers, Don, Jerry, Jim and Max Bowen.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Pastor Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Bluffton.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences are at www.thomarich.com.

Idonna Mireley

HOWE — Idonna R. Mireley, 81, of Howe died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Mireley

Mrs. Mireley had spent most of her lifetime in LaGrange County.

She had worked at Sturgis Molded Product in Sturgis, Mich.

Mrs. Mireley was a member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Martha Circle both of the church. She was also a 50-year member of LaGrange County Home Extension Club.

She was born Aug. 9, 1928, in Defiance, Ohio, to Franklin and Matilda (Wolf) Boggs. She married Duane Mireley on Jan. 28, 1951, in LaGrange. He survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Ron Kauffman of Howe and Laura and Dennis Kratz of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Connie Mireley and Kenneth and Cindy Mireley all of Howe; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two sisters, Marvel Robbins and Dorothy Ankney; and three brothers, Orlin, Donald, and Burdette Boggs.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at LaGrange First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to LaGrange First United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip mayfuneralhome.com.

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Donald Harmes

WATERLOO — Donald "Max" Harmes, 80, of Waterloo died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at his home in Waterloo with his family by his side.

He was a self employed carpenter for 40 years, retiring in 1994. He was a graduate of Ashley High School.

He was born Feb. 10, 1929, in Corunna to Theodore "Ted" Kenneth and Anna Rosanna (Vogtman) Harmes. He married Vivian Shirley Smith on Oct. 19, 1948, in Auburn. She died Dec. 3, 1995.

Surviving are five daughters, Judy Ann (Dennis) Frehse of Wolcottville, Wendy May (Mike) Erwin of Paducah, Ky., Marilyn Kay (Bob) Verden of Corunna, Gloria Sue (Ron) Wood of Butler and Jenny Tatum of Butler; one son, Timothy Alan (Rhonda) Harmes of Auburn; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one sister, Phyllis (Ernie) Ladd of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Juanita Harmes of Corunna.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sons, George Ernest Harmes and Donald Rex Harmes; one great-granddaughter, Ella Leann Harmes; two brothers, Richard Harmes, and Tommy Harmes; and one sister, Janet Sullivan.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Memorials are to the

Melvin Cory

LIGONIER — Melvin Richard Cory, 91, of Ligonier died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at his residence in Ligonier.

Mr. Cory retired from the United States Postal Service after several years of dedicated service.

He was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, West Noble American Legion Post 243 and the Elks Lodge.

He was born on March 3, 1918, in Roundup, Montana, to Joseph and Addis (Black) Cory.

Surviving are a son, Randall and Vickie Cory of Winona Lake; a stepgrandson, Andrew Finnigan of Westfield, Ind.; a stepgranddaughter, Erina Quackenbush of Garrett; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, La Vonne in 2003; and a brother, Ralph Cory.

A graveside services were held Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. West Noble American Legion Post 243 conducted military graveside services.

Memorials are to West Noble American Legion Post 243.

The Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Jalaine Bacholl

STURGIS, Mich. — Jalaine Bacholl, 61, of Sturgis died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Hackman Family Funeral Homes in Sturgis is handling arrangements.

Marie Nolan

GARRETT — Marie Nolan, 78, of Garrett died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a press operator at Mossberg Hubbard in Garrett until her retirement in 1996.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Nov. 15, 1931, in College Corner, Ind., to Grant and Ola (Poynter) Harmon.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter in-law, Larry and Jeanne Nolan of Churubusco and Dan Nolan of Garrett; five daughters, Marilyn Nolan and David Nelson of Fort Wayne, Kay Nolan of Indianapolis, Shirley Nolan-Fraze of Mishawaka, Norma and Kyle McLeod of Columbus and Barbara and John Richie of Kendallville; her companion, Joe DeWitt of Garrett; a brother, Glenn Harmon of Anderson; 19 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Russell H. Nolan; two brothers, William and Arthur Harmon; and a sister, Retha Ray.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Thomas Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Doug Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

THE NEWS SUN
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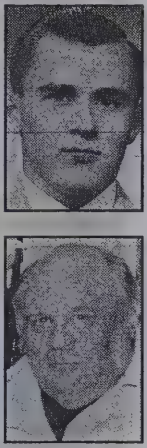
Jerald Heyman

ST. JOE — Jerald W. "Jerry/Papa" Heyman, 68 of St. Joe died Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at the VA Hospital of Northern Indiana.

He was born September 21, 1941, in Tiffin, Ohio, to Walter and Phyllis (Balyeat) Heyman who have both passed away.

He graduated from Riverdale High School in 1960.

He was a truck driver for Allied Van Lines for 32 years retiring in 2002.



Mr. Heyman

He is a United States Marine Corps veteran serving during Vietnam and a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kellie and Dean Stanley of Fort Wayne, a son, Jerald Heyman Jr. of Butler; two stepsons, John Adams of Florida and Jason Adams of Stroh; the joys of his life his grandchildren, Emilie Stanley, Jerald Wayne Heyman III, Catherine Stanley, Isabelle Stanley, Dean Stanley III, and William Jerald Stanley; two stepgrandchildren, Michael and Nacole Ioor; two great-grandchildren, Ryan Wayne Heyman and Neveah Rose Heyman; three brothers and a sister; John (Janet) Heyman of Albion, Margaret Heyman of Auburn, his twin, Gerald "Gerry" Heyman of St. Joe and Larry Heyman of Florida.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Heyman, and a sister, Patty Heyman.

A memorial service will be held at noon, Saturday, January 2, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service from 10 to noon at the funeral home Saturday. Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or a charity of the donor's choice.

Joseph Bailey

CHURUBUSCO — Joseph F. Bailey, 92, of Blue Lake near Churubusco died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to a food bank or soup kitchen or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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I apologize if there are any errors.

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